February 1, 1961

The Rev. Mr. Toombs H. Kay, Jr.
First Reformed Church
84-05 Wareham Place
Jamaica 32, New York

Dear Mr. Kay:

I am forwarding your letter of January 24 to Mr. Dabbs at his home in South Carolina, together with a copy of this reply. If Mr. Dabbs has additional information or suggestions, he will write to you direct.

Although we can offer some names to you, I think your best informant will be the Rev. Will Campbell, Associate Executive Director, Department of Racial and Cultural Relations, National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., P. O. Box 1083, Nashville, Tennessee; I am sending Mr. Campbell a copy of your letter. He is in closer tough with the Southern ministry than any other person and will be able to give a more systematic answer.

The Rev. Cornelius C. Tarplee, Associate Secretary for Intergroup Relations, Protestant Episcopal Church, P. O. Box [illegible], Lynchburg, Virginia, has recently compiled a list of 12 or more Episcopal clergy who have been active in segregationist activities and statements. You may wish to write him, also.

There are a few ministers whom we think of as having taken a prominent stand in behalf of segregation. Here are a few names, though the list is by no means complete:

James Parker Dees, Trinity Episcopal Church, Statesville, North Carolina
John R. Richardson, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 493 Ponce de Leon Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia
Stanley Frazier, Methodist minister, Montgomery, Alabama

Wesley Pruden, chaplain White Citizens Council, Little Rock, Arkansas
Joseph M. Branch, Davisboro Baptist Church, an organizer of the Metropolitan Association for Segregated Education, and former chaplain Georgia House of Representatives
The Reverends E. E. George and Royce Bagley, Baptists, have been speakers and chaplains for the KKK meetings in Georgia

Under separate cover I am sending several items which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Mailed separately:
Tarplee, The Church in Areas of Racial Tension
Campbell, A Man Had Two Sons
New South, January 1960, Campbell article
McGill, N. Y. Times reprint, The Agony of the Southern Minister"
Christian Century reprint, "Let Us Kneel-in Together!"
Statements by ministerial groups

February 1, 1961

Mr. Malcolm Bryan
President
Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
104 Marietta Street N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Bryan:

Thank you so much for sending a copy of the latter part of your address to the Rotary Club. I wonder if you would permit us to reproduce it in a form similar to the reports enclosed? We have from time to time circulated such statements as these primarily among Southern school men and business leaders. The reports go out simply as they are without any covering letter or further publicity. We feel that they have helped to induce more responsible thinking and we believe that your remarks would be of especial interest to a large number of these persons.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:A
Enclosures
L-2, L-5, L-7, L-13, L-21, L-22

February 1, 1961

Mr. Earl Raab
400 First Street - 3rd Floor
San Francisco 5, California

Dear Mr. Raab:

There are so many things which might be suggested, in response to your letter of January 19. If this letter goes somewhat wide of your mark, please let me know and we shall try to offer further suggestions.

I am sending you several things under separate cover which may give some light to your query about post integration problems.

As to Negro nationalism, there is a chapter in Harry Ashmore's new book, The Other Side of Jordan; Nat Hentoff had an article in the Reporter for August 4, 1960; there was a piece by Alex Haley in the Readers' Digest, March, 1960. I am enclosing one clip from a Southern newspaper.

As to Negro youth, I was impressed by the paper of Lewis W. Jones, titled "Negro Youth in the South"; this is to be found in the proceedings of the White House Conference on Children and Youth: these proceedings are collected in a series titled: The Nation's Children, and Mr. Jones's paper is in Vol. 3.

As to new trends in leadership, there has been a lot written, especially since the sit-ins began, and I hardly know what to suggest. Among the pieces which announce that new leadership is superceding old, two which occur to me first are one by Louis Lomax, Harpers, June 1960; and an article by Michael Walzer in Dissent, Summer, 1960. There is also a pamphlet titled Unfinished Revolution, by Tom Kahn, published last year and available from the Liberation Press, 110 Christopher Street, New York 14, price .50¢. I think you would find interesting the November, 1960 issue of Interracial Review, especially an article by Harold Fleming. I would recommend also George McMillan's article in Look, July 5, 1960. Included in the package being sent is a copy of a paper of mine which I am currently revising with the expectation that it will be published in Phylon.

Finally, both on the matter of Negro nationalism and Negro opinion, there is a two part article by Harold Isaacs in Phylon, Fall & Winter, 1960, "Five Writers and their African Ancestors." I have, by accident, gone at this backwards: I have not yet read the first part, but have read the second, and found it extraordinarily interesting.

Let me know if we can be of further help.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:A

Enclosures: thermafax copy, newsclip
Mailed separately;
  The Student Protest Movement, Winter 1960
  Price, Towards a Solution of the Sit-in Controversy
  Morland, Lunch-Counter Desegregation in ... Texas
  Westfeldt, Settling a Sit-in (Nashville)
  McMillan, Racial Violence and Law Enforcement
  Report L-20, L-22, L-17

February 1, 1961

Miss Beulah Lockerby'
Librarian
Research Library
State Commission Against Discrimination
270 Broadway
New York 7, N. Y.

Dear Miss Lockerby:

We are mailing you today one copy of our report, The Federal Executive and Civil Rights, since our supply is limited. We will hold your letter, as it is possible we will be able to send the other two copies you requested at a later date.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

February 1, 1961

Mr. Whitney M. Young, Jr.
18 Robinson Street - #32
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Whitney:

Congratulations!!

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

February 1, 1961

Mr. Jay J. Levit
Attorney
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Levit:

I find that we have nothing very illuminating about the November amendment to the Constitution of Mississippi which requires voters to be of good moral character. For your possible interest I am sending you, enclosed, a few news clips.

Incidentally, I know that the Commission on Civil Rights has been gathering data on voting in Mississippi. Perhaps it would have information of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosure: thermafax new clips

February 1, 1961

Mr. A. E. Cox
Delta Foundation
933 Chambliss Road
Memphis 16, Tennessee

Dear Gene:

Thanks for the information on Walthall County. We would like more information if it is not too difficult. Particularly anyone's evaluation on the personal safety of reasonably careful interviewers who would spend some days in the County.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

February 1, 1961

Mrs. Kyle Engler
836 North Highland
Fayetteville, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Engler:

Thank you very much for your suggestion of Dee Potts for the Alabama Council job. It look now as though both the Alabama and Georgia jobs have been ably filled. We are getting some more information on Miss Potts to keep on file for future vacancies. She certainly sounds like an excellent prospect.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

February 1, 1961

Mr. ~~Z~~Jerome Ziegler
Executive Director
American Foundation for Continuing Education
19 South La Salle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Jerry:

Congratulations on your recent large grant from the fund for Adult Education. I am always interested to see your newsletters from time to time. The program here goes well although we are in the process of helping Oglethorpe look for a new coordinator. We are hiring Frances Pauley away to serve as director of the Georgia Council on Human Relations.

Regards to any of you who are still around.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

February 1, 1961

Mr. Edward Bennett Williams
839 - 17th Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Williams:

On a number of occasions you have spoken on the responsibilities of attorneys and bar associations in the legal defense of unpopular clients. If available, may we have a copy of any of your statements or speeches on this subject?

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA:mf

February 1, 1961

First National Bank
First National Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sirs:

Please complete the attached Standard Bank Confirmation Form and advise our auditor of all securities being held in safekeeping for the Southern Regional Council, Inc.

Kindly mail this information direct to the accountant:

Mr. Daniel E. Harrison
868 York Avenue, S. W., Room 104
Atlanta 10, Georgia

Very truly yours,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures

February 1, 1961

The Citizens Trust Company
212 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Gentlemen:

Please complete the attached Standard Bank Confirmation Form and advise our auditor of all securities being held in safekeeping for the Southern Regional Council, Inc.

Kindly mail this information direct to the accountant:

Mr. Daniel E. Harrison
868 York Avenue, S. W., Room 104
Atlanta 10, Georgia

Very truly yours,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1.

COPY

February 2, 1961

Mr. George B. Nesbitt
Intergroup Relations Officer
Housing and Home Finance Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Nesbitt:

We are happy to send you, as requested, the enclosed copies of "The Federal Executive and Civil Rights." We greatly hope that this analysis will prove useful to you and your associates and to other agencies concerned with the issues discussed in the report.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 3.

February 2, 1961

Mr. Brooks Hays
Tennessee Valley Authority
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Brooks:

You may have seen some of the publicity received by our report on "The Federal Executive and Civil Rights," a copy of which I am enclosing.

Obviously, there are many points of legitimate disagreement raised by the report; indeed on some of the more complicated questions we can hardly claim unanimity in our own midst. The main purpose, however, was to stimulate discussion of and attention to this area of critical importance, and we are pleased that the report appears to be serving its purpose in Washington and elsewhere.

Needless to say, your comments would be warmly welcomed.

Ben Muse joins me in kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

February 2, 1961

Mr. J. Carlton Yeldell
Labor Relations Secretary
National Urban League
14 East 48th Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Yeldell:

I am happy to send you, with our compliments, the two copies of our report, "The Federal Executive and Civil Rights," enclosed.

We appreciate your interest and would welcome any comments you might care to give us.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2.

February 2, 1961

Mr. Charles L. Silberman
American Communications Association
5 Beekman Street
New York 38, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Silberman:

We are mailing you the requested copy of our recent report, The Federal Executive and Civil Rights. There is nocharge.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

February 2, 1961

Mr. Phineas Indritz
Committee on Government Operations
House of Representatives
Congress of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Indritz:

We are sending you the requested two copies of our recent report, The Federal Executive and Civil Rights. We are also adding your name to our mailing list to receive all subsequent research publications.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

February 2, 1961

Mr. Harry Bitner
Law Librarian
Yale Law Library
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Bitner:

We are mailing you the requested copy of our recent report, The Federal Executive and Civil Rights.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

February 2, 1961

Mr. Lempi L. Wickline
Assistant Librarian - Room 900
National Labor Relations Board
1717 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wickline:

Our supply of The Federal Executive and Civil Rights is limited at this time. We are, therefore, sending you one copy and will hold your letter. In the event that we re-run the report, another copy will be sent to you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

February 2, 1961

Mr. Roy Parker, Jr.
The News and Observer
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Parker:

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We are mailing you today the requested copy of our recent report, The Federal Executive and Civil Rights. We are also adding your name to our press list to receive news releases and materials, as you requested.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

February 2, 1961

Mr. J. Scheer
THE CHARLOTTE NEWS
Charlotte 1, N. C.

Dear Mr. Scheer:

We are mailing you the requested copy of our recent report, The Federal Executive and Civil Rights. We are also adding your name to our press list to receive news releases and materials.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

February 2, 1961

Mr. Leslie R. Burgiel
Administrative Assistant
World Peace Foundation
40 Mt. Vernon Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Burgiel:

We are mailing you the requested copy of our recent report, The Federal Executive and Civil Rights. There is no charge.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

February 2, 1961

Miss Sue Peirce
321 Jewett House
Vassar College
Poughkeepsie, New York

Dear Miss Peirce:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, the requested material on the sit-ins.

If we can be of additional aid, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

February 2, 1961

Dr. Bell I. Wiley
Emory University
Atlanta 22, Georgia

Dear Bell:

Many thanks for your kind note of January 31. I am enclosing a couple of reproductions of the profile from the New York Times. Jane will be pleased to know that you are sending ontocopy to Dr. Greenfield whom she remembers most warmly.

I am delighted to know about the handsome offer you received from the University of Chicago, but I am even happier to learn that you have decided to stay in Georgia. We could ill afford to lose you.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

February 2, 1961

Mrs. Dudley Moore
Department of Community Service
Unitarian Service Committee
9 Park Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Moore:

I am sending biographical data on two persons who I thought might be possibilities for the Knoxville job. Mr. Mixon has indicated an active interest. I have not told Mr. Whaley of the opening. You could contact him in New York if you want to encourage him to make an application.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm
Enclosures

February 2, 1961

Miss Corinne Schreider
Alumni Field Secretary
Encampment for Citizenship
2 West 64th Street
New York 23, New York

Dear Miss Schreider:

I am not sure that I have other than obvious advice to offer as to your contacts in the South. You should, of course, see those groups who work with students and have a human relations concern. This would include:

Miss Rosetta Gardner of the area YWCA student office here.
Thornton Merriam, new director of a special human relations project through the campus office of the area YMCA here.
Constance Curry, directing a human relations project for the National Students Association here.
Dick Ramsey, in charge of student work for the regional office of the American Friends Service Committee in High Point, N.C.

The South Carolina Council on Human Relations has recently added a part time staff person to work with students, Mrs. Theodore Ledeen. She can be reached through the state office of the S. C. Council on Human Relations. The Virginia Council has been doing some work with students in Lynchburg, Fairfax County, and Richmond. You have Dan Bowers' address. Dr. Peter Mellette of the NCCJ office in Virginia has been doing special work with high school students of both races.

There are clusters of human relations agencies in Nashville, Tennessee and in Miami, Florida as well as in Atlanta.

We look forward to seeing you if and when you come to Atlanta.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

February 2, 1961

Mr. Lester Kabacoff
111 Bellaire Drive
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Kabby:

Needless to say, we were extremely interested here in the public opinion poll by the Belden Associates. We thought it somewhat disappointing, but not particularly surprising, considering. I agree with you that the divergence between Catholic and Protestant sentiment is rather alarming but would have thought it primarily an aspect of socio-economic factors until I talked with you Tuesday night.

There are actually some fairly encouraging aspects, such as the relatively more favorable attitude of public school parents and of the upper socio-economic elements. Actually, however, I would have expected the socio-economic difference in viewpoint to be more marked than it was.

It is at least something to see that slightly more voters would urge pupil placement than would close schools.

It was somewhat disappointing to notice how slightly any of the major arguments on the issue have penetrated into the consciousness of the average citizen. The economic and prestige argument, however, seems to have had a definite effect.

Obviously, the study should not be published nor do I see any possibility of extracting anything that could be publicly used. I would agree with you that the findings might well be shared with selected Catholic leadership in New Orleans and perhaps at the national level as well. I would hope that the poll could be shown to a few people connected with SOS, CPE, etc. Bill Munroe should see it, Skelly Wright, Lloyd Rittiner, and a few others whom you know. The group should be kept quite small, of course. I will be interested to see what use Fitzgerald may recommend. If you have no objection, I would like to share the poll with a social scientist who has had extensive experience in the analysis of this kind of data. I think this would be no breach of security and might possibly turn up some insights that we have missed.

It was good to talk to you and Gloria Tuesday night. I hope to be coming to New Orleans the week of March 1 unless you advise me to come earlier.

I assume that copy number 10 is our copy. How many copies are there in all?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

February 3, 1961

Professor R. M. MacIver
Institute for Religious and Social
Studies
New York, New York

Dear Professor MacIver:

It was a great pleasure being with you at the Institute luncheon on Tuesday. Your gracious introduction and the warm reception of the group made the occasion an extremely pleasant one for me.

I am enclosing a copy of our report on "The Federal Executive and Civil Rights." I hope you will feel its a useful piece of work, and I need hardly say any comments you might care to make would be most welcome here.

Please extend my thanks and good wishes to Miss Feingold and to other associates in the Institute.

With cordial personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:mf
Enclosure - 1.

February 3, 1961

Mr. Ray Goodman
Circulation Director
Saturday Review
25 West 45th Street
New York 36, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Goodman:

We would like to order 101 copies of the December 17th issue of Saturday Review, at price quoted in your letter of January 25: 15¢ each. Will you please ship us the copies, and bill us.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

February 3, 1961

Mr. McNeill Smith
P. O. Box 868
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear McNeill:

A short note to tell you that I have happily learned that I was wrong when, in my recent letter to you, I corrected Dan Pollit on the number of cadets presently enrolled. The latest data show 8 at West Point, 7 at Annapolis, 3 at the Air Force Academy.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

February 3, 1961

Dr. Elmer H. Johnson
3921 Arrow Drive
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Our treasurer is ill, but is expected back on Monday, and I'll ask her to send you a statement for income tax purposes covering your honorarium.

We have changed your address on our mailing list.

I opened your letter with some hesitancy, for I expected it might contain a justified expression of concern about our slowness in handling your manuscript. It was very charitable of you to make no reference to this. I have read the manuscript through. It will require some shortening, as I believe we discussed earlier. The last couple of months have been very full ones for us and I simply have not had time to get to it. I want to do this as soon as possible and am hopeful I can by the end of this month or early March submit to you suggested revisions which will have the effect of reducing the length.

In the meantime, best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

February 3, 1961

Mr. Virgil O. Stroud
1301 Stephens Street
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Mr. Stroud:

We have your letter of January 30. We are very glad to know of your work on the sit-in movement, and your outline seems most promising. If we can be of any assistance with materials or as sympathetic readers, please let me know. We do not, however, publish works of this length, and I am afraid that we cannot be of help to you in that respect. Please let us hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

February 3, 1961

Rev. James M. Howard
Pastor Emeritus
First Presbyterian Church
2606 Sunrise Boulevard
Fort Pierce, Florida

Dear Mr. Howard:

Thank you for your letter calling attention to the Rev. William O. Byrd's sermon in THE PULPIT and for your letter to Mr. Haselden.

I received a copy of THE PULPIT in this morning's mail but have been unable to read the presentation as yet. I will let you know as soon as possible concerning our decision.

Again thanks and very best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

February 3, 1961

Dr. Haywood N. Hill
46 - 5th Street, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Hill:

Mr. Aubrey N. Brown of The Presbyterian Outlook, and I believe a relative of yours, has suggested that we might be interested in a presentation you gave to your Sunday school class in January.

We have a monthly publication, NEW SOUTH, a copy of which is enclosed. We would be interested in seeing a copy of your presentation for possible publication in NEW SOUTH.

If this is at all agreeable to you, we would appreciate a copy of your manuscript.

Thank you for your cooperation.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

February 3, 1961

Mr. John P. Dessauer
Sales Manager
Indiana University Press
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Mr. Dessauer:

In regard to your letter of January 30, one of the lists is subscriptions to NEW SOUTH, our monthly magazine. The other is a list of persons to whom our so called Leadership Reports go. This list contains persons of leadership throughout the South and this program is directly connected with Mr. Muse's work with the Council. In all there will be about ~~70,000 names.~~ 7,000 corrected on original

Mail the envelopes at your convenience and we will return them as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

February 3, 1961

Mr. Joseph W. Fennell
2427 - 15th Avenue, South
St. Petersburg, Florida

Dear Mr. Fennell:

Thank you for your letter and your interest in the Southern Regional Council.

The Council does not have memberships, as such, but in exchange for the two dollars you kindly mailed us, we are placing your name on our mailing list for our monthly publication NEW SOUTH.

The Council has a working relationship with the Florida Council on Human Relations. The Florida group may have a local chapter near you. I suggest you write Mr. William Williams at 4241 S.W. 109 Court, Miami 55, Florida, for information concerning the Florida group.

If we can be of additional aid, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lee
cc: William Williams

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February 3, 1961

Mr. Sam Stringfellow
News Director
Harrison County Broadcasting Company
Marshall, Texas

Dear Mr. Stringfellow:

Thank you for your letter concerning our materials.

We have a regular mailing list with most of our pamphlets sent out with a news release. We have placed your name on this list and, in the future, you will receive releases and publications of the Council. We are also placing your name on our list for NEW SOUTH, our monthly publication.

In answer to your last question, we are mailing you, under separate cover, some materials on the sit-ins and some other items which might be of interest to you.

If we can be of any additional aid, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

February 3, 1961

Mrs. Betty Wisdom
413 Hillary Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Betty:

What can you tell us about Ned Touchstone and "Monitor South?"

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

February 6, 1961

Reverend Duncan Hunter
The Methodist Church
Huntsville District
1009 Westmoreland Avenue
Hnntsville, Alabama

Dear Duncan:

You were thoughtful to let us know in advance of your inability to make the Executive Committee meeting last week. It was an exceptionally good meeting, although your participation was sorely missed. No one has been more faithful than you in service or attendance, and there is no disposition on anyone's part to peplace you.

My best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 6, 1961

Dr. Guy Johnson
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Guy:

Thanks so much for your encouraging note about the International Institute proposal. This was duly reported to the Executive Committee, and everyone present expressed the opinion that the University of North Carolina would be by all odds the best sponsoring institution. The thought was advanced that Dr. Frank Graham (now a member of our Board, incidentally) might render a useful service in this connection. In any case, we shall look forward to further word when you have had a chance to explore the question with the Chancellor.

There was a good article in the Sunday paper here about the career of Billy Carmichael. His death must have been a great blow to the University.

My best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 6, 1961

Mr. J. J. Brewbaker
545 Mayflower Road
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Brew:

The report of your January travels was an exceptionally good and encouraging one. It reinforced the impression I had already gotten from your verbal account that the Southern climate in education is changing for the better and that your own good efforts are contributing importantly to this progress.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 6, 1961

Mr. Emory F. Via
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Emory:

Thanks for your note of January 26. Any backstopping at all that you can give us will be helpful and appreciated. Among others, we are under consideration currently by UPWA!

At our Executive Committee meeting last week, there was general agreement that we should consider reinstituting the labor consultant project, applying to AFL-CIO for the funds, if a suitable person could be found. Paul Christopher spoke to the urgency of this, especially in view of the failure of AFL-CIO to crank up its own program, although funds have been appropriated for it for a year now. As evidence for the need, he said that even though Southern unionists were not particularly enthusiastic about your efforts at the time, are now wishing that you were on the job. Interested? Got any other ideas for personnel?

I got a long, sentimental call from Gaylord and Carrie Lee the other night, inspired by the brief notoriety I received in the New York Times last week. They're a lovely pair.

The best to you and Margaret from all of us here.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 6, 1961

Mr. William H. Orrick, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Department
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Orrick:

Perhaps you have seen or read about the enclosed report of the Southern Regional Council which has been sent to President Kennedy and appropriate persons within the new administration.

My good friend John May of San Francisco has suggested that I send you a copy. I am more than happy to do so.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

February 6, 1961

Mr. John R. May
Executive Director
San Francisco Foundation
Balfour Building
351 California Street
San Francisco 4, California

Dear John:

Many thanks for your heart warming letter about our report to the President. This is a new and tricky field for us, so your good opinion of the document means a lot to me.

I am glad to say that the report has had a greater impact so far than we dared to hope. It had astonishingly good treatment in the press, especially the New York Times and the Washington Post, where the publicity counts most. And, whether it produces any results or not, it is certainly getting wide and sustained attention within the new administration. We've been getting a spate of requests for more copies, by letter and telephone, from the various Federal agencies. We could hardly hope for more, except for JFK himself to say a kind word about it -- or better yet, put some of it into effect.

All the best.

As ever,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 6, 1961

Mr. E. S. White
Town Clerk
City of Bulawayo
P. O. Box 591
Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia

Dear Mr. White:

I am glad to learn of your impending visit to the United States and your plan to include Atlanta in your itinerary.

As far as I know now, I will be in Atlanta April 19 - 22 and will be very happy to see you at that time. I have marked these dates on my calendar and will expect a call from you some time after your arrival.

With all good wishes to you and to Dr. Ashton, I am

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 6, 1961

The Rev. Jack R. Shearer
Government Street Methodist Church
901 Government Street
Mobile, Alabama

Dear Mr. Shearer:

At the request of Richard Shapiro of the Anti-Defamation office here, I am sending under separate cover some of our materials dealing with the economic cost of violence and tensions.

If we can be of further help to you, I hope you will let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

February 6, 1961

Mrs. Jose Anderson
3239 Gilmer Avenue
Montgomery 5, Alabama

Dear Jose:

I am glad that the materials were of some use. I am afraid we are out or almost out of four of the pamphlets you request: "Organizing to Save Public Schools," "Can We Afford...", "The Economic Effect of School Closing", and "Private Business and Public Education in the South." We have already mailed to you 100 copies each of "Racial Violence and Law Enforcement" and "If the Schools are Closed." If you find that you need more copies of these, let us know and we will talk about the supply and price list.

I hope the meeting at Talladega went well. I was sorry to have to miss it.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

P. S. I imagine it would be possible to have a HOPE representative come over in the near future. It would probably help if your group could pay expenses. The HOPE till is running low.

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February 6, 1961

Mr. Thomas Carruthers, Jr.
White, Bradley, Arant, All & Rose
2100 Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Mr. Carruthers:

Paul Rilling is out of the office today, but asked that I send the materials requested in your letter. They will be mailed today under separate cover. I have sent more than you requested, but thought some of the things might be of interest to you.

If we can be of additional help in this or any other way, I hope you will let us know.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Timothy Miller
secretary to Paul Rilling

February 6, 1961

Mr. Joseph Haas
1116 First National Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Joe:

Many thanks for your good letter of January 31, which was read and acted on appropriately by the Executive Committee.

The Committee not only adopted the resolution on the charter and tax-exemption in toto, but also added to it a statement that no staff person or member of the Council was authorized to speak for the organization in any matter that is not properly within the scope of our tax-exemption. I dare say you are right that the resolution will make no important difference, but I think the Committee was comforted by the thought that it would be officially filed away.

The Committee approved wholeheartedly of your plans with regard to the Committee of attorneys, and Paul Anthony will be sending you the list of lawyers shortly. There is a problem about the speech that was to be circulated. No doubt other appropriate material can be secured, however. The staff will be available to do your further bidding on this project.

I am enclosing a letter from the Postmaster turning down our appeal for a mailing permit as an educational organization. Unless you advise me otherwise, I will assume that this brings the matter to an unhappy close. It will cost us a few hundred dollars more per year, but to contest the ruling might create new problems that would be far more costly in the long run.

If Gulf stock continues to inch upward, we will be in touch with you and the other members of the Finance Committee soon.

The meeting was an unusually good one. You were missed, but everyone understands that the claims of a client must have first priority.

With appreciation for all your help and best personal regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

February 6, 1961

Dr. Harry C. Meserve
Director of Program
Academy of Religion and Mental Health
16 East 34th Street
New York, New York

Dear Harry:

Alumni bulletins do serve a useful purpose after all. Seeing the note about you in the latest issue of the Harvard Bulletin reminded me of how long we have been out of touch and how often I've intended to do something about it. It's a little late to be expressing congratulations and good wishes to you in your current work, but I extend them all the same. I hope you know how lastingly grateful I am to you for all the aid, comfort, and fellowship you gave me and the Council during your service with RBF.

You may have read in the press about our latest effort, the enclosed report which we submitted to President Kennedy and his principal advisers. I thought you might like to see a full copy. We are pleased with the evidence so far that it is getting serious and widespread attention within the new administration.

I hope to see you again in New York one of these days soon. Meanwhile, bring me up to date on your new activities when you get a chance.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

February 6, 1961

Mr. Edward R. Murrow, Director
United States Information Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Murrow:

Both on behalf of the Southern Regional Council and personally let me say how deeply pleased we were by your appointment. It would be hard to imagine an appointment that would bring greater competence and commitment to the office and that would better serve the national interest.

Let me also take this opportunity to transmit the enclosed report "The Federal Executive and Civil Rights," which we have sent to President Kennedy and certain of his advisers. I hope you will feel that the report -- particularly the references to international implications -- is helpful.

Needless to say, your comments would be most appreciated and we should welcome any opportunity to be of service to you in the performance of your important new duties.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

February 6, 1961

Dr. Sterling McMurrin
Commissioner of Education
U. S. Office of Education
Department of Health, Education
and Welfare
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McMurrin:

The Southern Regional Council has transmitted to President Kennedy and appropriate advisers the enclosed report on "The Federal Executive and Civil Rights." We felt that the Council, as an organization of white and Negro Southerners that has long worked to eliminate racial barriers, should give its views on this subject to the new administration.

I hope you will find the report interesting and constructive. Any comments or criticisms you might care to make will be greatly valued.

Let me take this opportunity to extend our good wishes to you in your new position of critically important leadership. If the Southern Regional Council can be of any service to you and your associates, you have only to call upon us.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure @ 1.

February 6, 1961

Miss Thelma Stevens
Woman's Division of Christian Service
Board of Missions - The Methodist Church
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Thelma:

Thank you so much for your kind note about our report to the President and the publicity it has received. We are very pleased by the evidence so far that the report is getting serious and widespread attention within the new administration.

I also want to tell you how deeply touched and grateful I am for your generous words about my own part in the work of the Council. Coming from one who has labored as devotedly and well as you have, these words have special value for me.

I look forward with pleasure to seeing you in Louisville.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 6, 1961

Colonel Francis Pickens Miller
Box 3665
University Station
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Francis:

Many thanks for your kind note about our report to the President and my own fleeting notoriety in the pages of the New York Times. We've been very pleased by the evidence so far that the report is getting serious and widespread attention within the new administration.

It is putting it mildly to say that I am appalled to learn that you have not received a copy. A mailing of the report to all members of the Board went out several weeks ago. I can only suppose that there was some clerical misfire, here, or delinquency on the part of the Post Office, then still in Republican hands.

In any case, I send you the enclosed copy with profound apologies and warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

February 6, 1961

Mr. Ralph Helstein, President
United Packinghouse Workers of America
A. F. L. - C. I. O.
1800 Transportation Building
608 South Dearborn Street
Chicago 5, Illinois

Dear Mr. Helstein:

Last November, you were kind enough to write me that the question of a contribution to the work of the Southern Regional Council might appropriately be considered at about this time. This is merely to say that we should be grateful for such a re-consideration, though we shall understand fully if the circumstances of the UPWA do not yet favor a resumption of contributions of this kind.

This also gives me an opportunity to send you, in case you have not already seen it, a copy of our recent report The Federal Executive and Civil Rights. We've been encouraged not only by the national publicity received by the report, but also by the evidence of serious consideration of it within the new administration. Many of the Federal agencies have requested additional copies of it, and we understand that it is the subject of a good many internal discussions and planning sessions. I know how strongly you share our hope for aggressive executive leadership in this field, and I shall let you know of any significant reactions that we receive.

Cordially yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

February 6, 1961

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Services, Inc.
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

Harold has shown me your letter of February 3, and we have discussed it. I'll be glad to be of such help as I can. Whether I am made a member of the Advisory Committee, or act just as a friend, I suspect that I shall have to operate by correspondance or telephone. My load is such right now that I cannot undertake additional travel and simply could not get to a meeting this week or next. Let me know what I can do.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:A

February 6, 1961

Dr. H. Franklin Williams
Vice President
University of Miami
Coral Gables, Florida

Dear Dr. Williams:

At a meeting of our Executive Committee the other day, the newly announced policy of the University of Miami was noted with the deepest satisfaction. This is an act of enlightened leadership that will not only distinguish the University of Miami, but will surely set the example for other private institutions of higher learning that have not yet opened their doors to students of all races. (Emory University here is a good example.)

While we don't know the immediate circumatances that produced the new policy, we do know that your fine character and commitment have made themselves felt within the University for a long time. This is to express our congratulations and our warmest greetings.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 6, 1961

Professor Elliott Rudwick
Southern Illinois University
East St. Louis Residence Center
East St. Louis, Illinois

Dear Professor Rudwick:

I read your manuscript, "The Southern Negro Policeman and the White Offender," with real interest. I am hopeful that both this and the long article which you submitted to the Journal of Negro Education will soon be published so that we may order reprints.

Having some familiarity with the difficulties of locating space in the Journals, I do want to raise with you again the possibility of our bringing out something by you on your investigation. As you will imagine, we are eager to have your list of cities employing Negro policemen available, particularly in the form presented in "The Southern Negro Policeman and the White Offender." I would like, therefore, to consider three possibilities: one is that you let us print this list, preceeded by a short article which could well be a summary of the three you have written; the second possibility would be that you give "The Southern Negro Policeman and the White Offender" to us for printing. In either case, the form might be either along the lines of the enclosed Report L-16 or as a New South article. A third possibility, if you could first find a platform from which to speak it, would be like the enclosed address by Tarplee. If it were done in New South it would be a letter press job; in either of the other two cases, we would probably do it by off-set.

Let me repeat that these suggestions are made in case publication of your articles is still uncertain or likely to be long delayed. If you have expectations of early publication, the most desirable thing for us to do would be to buy reprints.

Let me know what you think.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:A
CC: Ben Muse
Enclosures: L-16, _Racial Differences in Academic Achievement_
Tarplee, _The Church in Areas of Racial Tension_

February 6, 1961

The Commission on Civil Rights
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

May we request a copy of your recent report, "Equal Protection of the Laws in Public Higher Education, 1960".

If available, we should also be very interested in having a copy of Mr. Gordon Tiffany's final report to the President.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

February 6, 1961

Mr. James C. Evans
Civilian Assistant
Manpower, Personnel and Reserve
Office of the Assistant Secretary
of Defense
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you for your letter of February 1. It is most gratifying to us to think that our report may be of some contribution. I would be especially hopeful that it might assist you in your endeavors, which have meant so much to all of us.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

February 6, 1961

Mr. McNeill Smith
P. O. Box 868
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear McNeill:

I have come across recently three articles which might be of interest to you in connection with your health study. The author of all three, Clifton O. Dummett; the titles are somrces are:

"Dentistry Contributes to Regional Health Planning by Sponsoring its First Public Health Institute in the South" - reprinted from Journal of the National Medical Association, May, 1954, Vol. 46, No. 3, pp. 168-171.

"A Chronology of Significant Events in the Progress of the Negro in American Dentistry", reprinted from The Bulletin of the National Dental Association, Tuskegee Institute, Ala. Vol. 16, No. 2, Pages 32-59, January 1958.

"Dental Health Problems of the Negro Population" Special Studies, Number 14, Reprinted from the September 1960 issue of the Journal of the American Dental Association, Chicago, Illinois.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

February 6, 1961

Professor Harry J. Vander, III
Jackson State College
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Professor Vander:

We are sending under separate cover several studies of Negro voting done by the Council. If we can be of further help to you, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:A

Mailed separately:
    Voting studies

February 6, 1961

Mr. Jim Young
Longino & Porter, Inc.
342 Stewart Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Jim:

Confirming several recent conversations, please reproduce by photo-offset 3,000 copies of the manuscript delivered to you the other day titled, The Federal Executive and Civil Rights. You are to print the text on both sices of the sheet. Covers will be delivered to you and you are to bind with plastic ring binders.

You have indicated delivery not later than February 17, and if possible earlier.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

February 6, 1961

Mr. John McKenzie
Higgins-McArthur Company
302 Hayden, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear John:

Please print an additional 3,000 covers for The Federal Executive and Civil Rights and deliver to this office. It would be appreciated if you could expedite this order.

Sincerely yours,

L. W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

February 6, 1961

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Horton:

Thank you for your invitation to participate in one of the workshops of the Highlander Folk School. I am afraid it is impossible for me to accept another travel or speaking engagement this month. I ordinarily stick pretty closely to my desk and find that that is necessary if I am to come at all close to handling the work-load. By some freakish bad planning, I find myself scooting off this month three times and I just cannot do it a fourth. Moreover, February 23 and 24 are the dates of our annual meeting of directors of the state councils on human relations and I have to be here in Atlanta for the occasion.

I am sorry that I cannot accept your invitation, particularly as I have not yet visited Highlander.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

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February 6, 1961

Dr. Sterling McMurrin
Commissioner of Education
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Dear Dr. McMurrin:

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Let me also take this opportunity to transmit the enclosed report "The Federal Executive and Civil Rights," which we have sent to President Kennedy and certain of his advisers. I hope you will feel that the report -- and particularly the section on education -- is helpful.

Needless to say, your comments would be most appreciated and we should welcome any opportunity to be of service to you in the performance of your important new duties.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

via air mail special February 6, 1961

Mr. Stephen Currier
The Taconic Foundation, Inc.
666 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Stephen:

This is a hasty letter to put before you the main background of the proposed survey of government contract employment by five of the state advisory committees to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights.

The five states are Tenn. Kentucky, Louisiana, North Carolina, and South Carolina. Tennessee's survey has been the pilot project, and is nearing completion. The other states are in varying stages of the fact-finding process, which consists of mailing standardized questionnaires to contract employers. I won't have a copy of the questionnaire until tomorrow, at which time I will send it off to you. The questions, however, deal with employment policies and practices, categories in which Negroes are employed, recruitment procedures, and the like.

The Commission on Civil Rights has agreed to publish the results of these surveys in an official report, provided the results can be tabulated and analyzed by April 1. The data collection presents no problem, since the state advisory committees have assumed full responsibility for it and are well under way. But approximately $5,000 will be required for IBM tabulation of the findings, and for preparation of a suitable analysis.

It is estimated that the survey will cover some 2,500 contractors.

To meet the deadline will require a "crash" effort. Fortunately, John Hope (who serves SRC as chief consultant, is vice chairman of the Tennessee Advisory Committee, and has counselled all of the state committees on the survey) could see the job through. In addition to his other identifications, Hope is associate director of the Race Relations Department at Fisk University, which has access to the IBM equipment and experienced personnel required for the project. The experience of the Tennessee survey has put Hope in a good position to see the whole process through.

A grant, if made, could be received by the Race Relations Department, which, as an arm of the Congregational Church, should present no problem of tax-exemption.

I do not have a breakdown of the $5,000 budget, but I expect to receive that also tomorrow and will forward it promptly.

My apologies for this hasty and probably inadequate summary of the project. If more information is needed for board action, I can supply it within the next few days.

In any case, this does seem to be an instance in which a rapid infusion of a relatively modest grant would release some useful information under effective Federal auspices. Hopefully, the independent study which Taconic is financing would be assisted and reinforced by the availability of these data.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 7, 1961

Rev. John Mulroy, S.T.L.
Director of Catholic Information Service
2699 Peachtree Road, N. E.
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Dear Father Mulroy:

We thank you very much for consenting to participate in "Our Facade of Brotherhood," to be held at:

Assembly Room, Atlanta Public Library
February 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30.

Mrs. Ruth Kent, Women's Director of WSB-TV will be our moderator. The participating ministers in addition to you are:

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, President of Morehouse College
Dr. Leon Smith, Pastor, Park Street Methodist Church
Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild, The Temple.

Mr. Pat Watters, City Editor of the Atlanta Journal will ask questions of the ministers. The questions will be in three areas:

1. Religious Tolerance
2. Open Shurch and Open Schools
3. Honest Interpretation of Brotherhood to Our Youth.

A buzz session of ten minutes will follow. Each group will formulate two questions. There will be a discussion of the questions, and a summation by Mrs. Kent will end the Facade.

The Assembly Room will only seat 187, so we have selected leaders in our various women's organizations. These women know there are

two aspects of Brotherhood -- theory and practice and we hope you will help us to find the way to bring theory into practice.

The planning committee is Mrs. John Patton, Mrs. I. Wilen, and Mrs. John S. Correll.

For the committee and for myself, please accept our thanks for your interest and the help you will be to us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET/lec

February 7, 1961

Mr. Paul Green
The Statler Hilton Hotel
New York, New York

Dear Paul:

You were most thoughtful to write me about the *New York Times* treatment. I'm conforted by your view that the personal puff I received -- quite unexpectedly -- is good for the cause.

The report to the President has had greater impact so far than we dared hope -- not only in the press, but in its evident serious readership within the new administration. It gives one hope.

My very best regards, and appreciation

As ever,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 7, 1961

Dr. Leon Smith
Park Street Methodist Church
793 Park Street, S. W.
Atlanta 10, Georgia

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Februaru 7, 1961

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Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET/lec

February 7, 1961

Mr. Odom Fanning,
13 Halsey Drive
Old Greenwich, Connecticut

Dear Odom:

It is a thoroughly miserable thing that I haven't written long before now to congratulate you on your new position and to express joy that you and Elaine, et al., are back in the Seaboard mainstream -- safe from tornadoes, but presumably not from snow.

The reason is inadequate, but simple: I've kept expecting to call you (or you-all) from New York. But on the one occasion I've made it up there since your move, I was frustrated by a runaway schedule.

Anyhow, congratulations, and here's to an early reunion!

I'm enclosing a copy of our latest opus, which you may have read about in the Times.(good old Sitton) or elsewhere. It's made a good splash, not only in the press, but in the Washingtoniinnards. Let's hope Kennedy does as well on civil rights as he has so far on some other things.

Do you and Elaine come into Manhattan, or do I have to trek all the way to Old Greenwich?

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

February 7, 1961

Dr. Gordon W. Hancock
P. O. Box 6056
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Dr. Hancock:

Please forgive my delinquency in failing to acknowledge your good letter concerning the origins of the Southern Regional Council.

The young man writing a dissertation on the Council is Will Allred, Apt. 107 - C, Bernard Street, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. I have sent him a copy of your letter, and I am sure he will feel free to call on you for any additional information he may need. Although his paper covers the more recent, rather than the formative years of the Council, this is valuable background for him.

We are retaining a copy of your letter for the historical file of the Council, and I am enclosing a copy for your own records.

My appreciation and highest regards, as always

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

February 7, 1961

Mr. Ralph McGill, Publisher
The Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ralph:

I hardly know what to say about Ernst Swanson's suggestion.

The study would call for substantial support, from a foundation, I assume. Such proposals are depressingly familiar to foundation executives. So this one would have to have some unique attraction to win support. Your willingness to serve as overall director of the study and author of the report would be a strong inducement.

The question is, then, do you want to take on this big a job -- keeping in mind that Atlanta's race relations will be unsettled and highly charged for some time to come?

If you are willing, if the funds are forthcoming, and if the proper research talent can be enlisted, the project could be an interesting and useful one. However, I doubt that it would make as big a splash as The Ashmore Project, which had the advantage of regionwide scope and a sharp focus (schools).

I'd be glad to talk further with you about this, if you like.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

February 7, 1961

Mrs. William Resnik
Fox Hill Road
Stamford, Connecticut

Dear Mrs. Resnik:

We were pleased to receive your letter and are warmly grateful for your contribution to the work of the Council.

I am enclosing a copy of our report, "The Federal Executive and Civil Rights," There are encouraging signs that it is, at least, getting serious and widespread attention within the new administration.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures-2.

February 7, 1961

Dr. Alfred A. Weinstein
849 Peachtree Street, N. E.
Atlanta 8, Georgia

Dear Al:

You were most thoughtful to write me such a kind letter about the New York Times profile.

Although we all enjoy recognition, as you might guess, such personal publicity inspired by a whole organization's efforts makes me a bit queasy. Such generous words as yours are a good antidote!

Warm appreciation and regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 7, 1961

Mr. Frederick W. Richmond
783 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Fred:

Thanks for that very kind letter.

The report to the President seems to have had a good impact, not only in the press, but within the new administration; at least, the requests we have had here indicate it is being widely read within the appropriate agencies. Let us hope....

The Urban League *is* helping, of course, and I am confident we will be working together even more closely as time goes on.

My best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

bia air mail February 7, 1961

Mr. Alfred W. Friendly
Washington Post and Times-Herald
1515 "L" Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Al:

This is the first chance I've had to write you a word of thanks, most warmly felt, for the fine treatment the *Post* gave our report to the President.

Elsie Carper's fine story, Jim Clayton's thoughtful analysis, and the good editorial of February 2 added up to the most effective handling given the report by any newspaper -- including the good old *Times*, which did well. Please express our appreciation to all hands.

We're sery pleased by the evidence so far of serious and widespread interest in our effort within the new administration. The requests for more copies from the key agencies is a good sign. We are well aware that Jim Clayton is dead right in cautioning against too great expectations; we haven't any. But it's good to feel we may have helped nudge the matter along.

Anyhow, if the report does any good at all, the *Post's* coverage will be a major part of the reason, and our appreciation -- already great -- is redoubled.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

via air mail February 7, 1961

Mr. Stephen Currier
The Taconic Foundation, Inc.
666 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Stephen:

Supplementing my "crash" letter of yesterday, enclosed are several exhibits that will further clarify the proposed contract employment surveys.

The budget, questionnaire, and sample letters to contractors are the main items. John Hope's memorandum is much too long to read entire, but at best may supply some answers I have neglected, and at worst will add to your burgeoning files.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

February 7, 1961

Mr. Oscar Cohen
Anti-Defamation League
515 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Oscar:

Your wire occasioned by the New York Times profile was exceedingly thoughtful and deeply appreciated. I've been busily trying to rationalize that this fleeting personal notoriety helps the cause -- despite the ukulelist image. Anyway, such kind words as yours make the days brighter.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 7, 1961

Mr. Arthur Morse
Columbia Broadcasting System
485 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Arthur:

It was mighty thoughtful of you to send me that good telegram about our report to the President. There have been some welcome signs that the report is, at least, getting a serious and widespread readership within the new administration. Let us hope....

You and Fred Friendly are, for my money, two of the truly creative souls in our time, and the kind words are valued accordingly. I should be in New York again within the next few weeks and will hope to see you both then. Meanwhile, my very best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 7, 1961

Mr. Lawrence Lader
170 East 77th Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Larry:

Many thanks for the kind words, and for the thoughtfulness that prompted them.

We're not allowing ourselves any excessive optimism about the President's leadership in civil rights. But the evident and widespread interest in our report within the administration is encouraging. We've had a spate of requests for multiple copies from the appropriate federal agencies. In any case, we expect to keep raising the subject in what we conceive to be constructive ways.

It's good to hear about the book you are doing for E. P. Dutton. Quite apart from friendship, this is one I will acquire and read.

I still nurture a conviction that common ground will bring us together one of these days. Meanwhile, my very best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 7, 1961

Mr. William Peters
Associate Producer
WBC Productions, Inc.
205 East 67th Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Bill:

Many thanks for the kind words. We're pleased about the report to the President, not only the press treatment, but the indications that it's getting some widespread and serious study within the new administration. The requests for more copies we've been getting from the agencies are encouraging. But until Kennedy shows his hand, we're assuming very little.

I'd love to know what you're doing, video-wise and otherwise, and will track you down when I'm next in New York. Meanwhile, the very best.

As ever,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. -- You don't know how lucky you are to have escaped the ukulele.

HCF

February 7, 1961

Dr. Clifton O. Dummett
Chief Dental Service
Veterans Hospital
Tuskegee, Alabama

Dear Dr. Dummett:

This is to acknowledge your letter of January 30, inviting me to speak at the first Dental Health Assembly Luncheon on April 25 or 26.

I am complimented by your invitation and accept with pleasure. I shall look forward to further word as to the specific date, time, location and subject of the talk you wish me to make.

Meanwhile, with warm regards, I am

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 7, 1961

Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild
The Temple
1589 Peachtree Street, N. E.
Atlanta 9, Georgia

My dear Rabbi Rothschild:

We thank you very much for consenting to participate in "Our Facade of Brotherhood," to be held at:

Assembly Room, Atlanta Public Library
February 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30.

Mrs. Ruth Kent, Women's Director of WSB-TV will be our moderator. The participating ministers in addition to you are:

Dr. Leon Smith, Pastor, Park Street Methodist Church
Rev. John Mulroy, S.T.L., Director of Catholic Information Service
Dr. Benjamin Mays, President of Morehouse College.

Mr. Pat Watters, City Editor of the Atlanta Journal will ask questions of the ministers. The questions will be in three areas:

1. Religious Tolerance
2. Open Church and Open Schools
3. Honest Interpretation of Brotherhood to Our Youth.

A buzz session of ten minutes will follow. Each group will formulate two questions. There will be a discussion of the questions, and a summation by Mrs. Kent will end the Facade.

The Assembly Room will only seat 187, so we have selected leaders in our various women's organizations. These women know there are

two aspects of Brotherhood -- theory and practice and we hope you will help us to find the way to bring theory into practice.

The planning committee is Mrs. John Patton, Mrs. I. Wilen and Mrs. John S. Correll.

For the committee and for myself, please accept our thanks for your interest and the help you will be to us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET/lec

February 7, 1961

Mr. Pat Watters
City Editor
Atlanta Journal
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Watters:

I know you have been too busy to answer my call today, so I am enclosing an outline of the program of "Our Facade of Brotherhood," which is being sponsored by Catholic, Jewish and Protestant women.

I do need to have about five minutes with you. Please call me at 522-8764.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:lec

February 7, 1961

Miss Eleanor French, Director
Christian Social Relations
United Church Women
National Council of Churches
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Miss French:

In reference to our trip to Avon Park, we will have to arrive in Orlando the night before and spend the night in a hotel. I am leaving here at 1:45 p.m. on the 21st on Eastern Air Lines Flight 701, which will arrive in Orlando at 4:40p.m.

Looking forward to being with you, I am

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

February 7, 1961

Mr. Wilton S. Dillon
Executive Secretary
Phelps-Stokes Fund
297 Park Avenue South
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Dillon:

I am most grateful to the Phelps-Stokes Fund for the check of $1,000, that will be used in the program of "The Fellowship of the Concerned."

I want you to be with us when we have our Southwide workshop this fall. As soon as the date is settled I will write to you so you may put in on your calendar.

With a heart full of thanks and best wishes for you and the Phelps-Stokes Fund, I am

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

February 7, 1961

Mr. William H. Thompson
Secretary to the President
Phelps-Stokes Fund
297 Park Avenue South
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Thank you so mush for your letter of January 20. Yes, not only have we received the letter from your Executive Secretary, Mr. Wilton Dillon but the check has also come, for which we are very grateful.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

February 8, 1961

The Rev. William K. Williams
Florida Council on Human Relations
4241 S. W. 109th Street
Miami 55, Florida

Dear Bill:

I assume you are aware of Saul Silverman's current efforts to persuade public authorities in Miami to establish an official commission there. To what extent, if any, is this tied in with past efforts in the same direction by various agencies?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

February 8, 1961

Mr. Harry Jones
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street, Room 109
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

Thank you for your note concerning the postponement of your executive committee meeting to February 11. I am afraid I will still have to wait until the April meeting.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

via air mail February 8, 1961

Mr. Stephen Currier
The Taconic Foundation, Inc.
666 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Stephen:

This is a hasty note to let you know that I finally got some word on Harris Wofford's status.

The account I get is this: Bobby Kennedy decided Harris was too hot for the Assistant Attorney General spot; however, the appointee, Marshall, is Harris's choice and is supposed to be a good man. Harris's other preference was the White House position. But so far Kennedy et al. have turned down the idea of appointing a civil rights adviser. They expect to satisfy this demand by Reeves' appointment and the appointment of other Negroes within the administration, most particularly Weaver.

The upshot was that Harris got offered the directorship of the Civil Rights Commission -- deadline for decision, this morning. As I would expect, Harris doesn't want this; instead, the new acting man, Berl Bernhardt, will be appointed.

So... no Harris Wofford, apparently, in the civil rights picture. No doubt he will get an appointment in some other field, international perhaps.

My informant paints a dismal picture of the prospects for vigorous action generally on civil rights. We can discuss this further when I next see you.

As ever,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 8, 1961

Mr. Michael S. Shor
383 Ardmore Circle, N.W.
Atlanta 9, Georgia

Dear Mr. Shor:

It was good to hear from you and to learn of your interest in the activities of our organization. I am sending you several publications which will indicate something of the scope and nature of our activities. We are not a membership organization and do not sponsor public activities as such. However, the Georgia Council on Human Relations, (63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.) with which we cooperate does carry on a regular program of community activities and interracial communication. I am passing your letter on to them, with the thought that you might be interested in contacting them.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

February 8, 1961

Mr. Whitney Young
18 Robinson Street
Apartment 32
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Whitney:

I have just recently heard of your acceptance of the post of executive director of the National Urban League. I have heard the rumors of this impending development and am delighted that you have agreed to take on this very challenging and important national role. We will miss you in Atlanta but look forward to working with you at more rarified levels.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

February 8, 1961

Mrs. Betty Wisdom
413 Hillary Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Betty:

Thank you for your very useful letter of January 30. We do want copies of the IWO statements. I am afraid we do not have sufficiently good contacts in the national offices of Walgreen's to ferret out the information concerning the Thompson case.

I believe I will be coming to New Orleans some time around the first week of March.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

February 8, 1961

Mrs. R. C. Lancaster
1464 Madrid Street
New Orleans 22, Louisiana

Dear Sara:

Thank you for your very helpful letter of January 31 which gave me a much better understanding of recent developments in New Orleans. I apologize for my oversight in not having placed you on our mailing list. This will be remedied.

I am happy to learn that CPE is considering some work throughout the state. I know that this is extremely difficult and costly, but the HOPE group here feels that this was an important part of their relative success in Georgia.

Congratulations on the testimonial dinner to the school board. It got respectable coverage in the national media that we see. It was certainly a timely and significant event. Your anecdote about Mr. Wagner was a touching footnote.

I will probably be coming through New Orleans about the first week of March, and hope to see you then.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

February 8, 1961

Mrs. Faith Richardson
Box 657
Auburn, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Richardson:

Frances Pauley told me of your recent letter and your interest in activities in support of open schools. She tells me that she is sending you materials concerning the HOPE effort in Georgia.

You express an interest in the Council on Human Relations. There are a number of these Southern state councils which are interracial membership organisations cooperating with the Southern Regional Council. The Alabama Council office is located in Birmingham and has some members in or around Auburn, I am sure. The executive director of the Alabama Council has recently moved on to other employment and his position will be vacant for a few months. If further information would be helpful, I would suggest that you write to the office of the Council (Room 1224 Comer Building, Birmingham 3) and the office secretary or one of the board members will be happy to supply you with information.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

February 8, 1961

Miss Katherine Jones
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

I think that your application to the Danforth Foundation is excellently drafted, clear and concise. We will be happy to support this application should our advice be requested by the foundation. Our only reservation concerning the form of the request relates to the amount of money requested. It has been our experience that foundations are rather reluctant to support projects with grants virtually equal to the overall budget of the organization itself. Organizations with a total budget of $13,000 or $14,000 a year are rarely able to successfully attract project grants of more than $3,000 or $4,000 per year. There are exceptions to the generality, however, and I must admit that the sum requested is not unreasonable for the program outlined. Good luck.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

February 8, 1961

Mrs. Carl L. Moser, President
The Virginia Council of United Church Women
Rt. 2, Box 46-3
Manassas, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Moser:

We are enclosing a listing of our materials, both free and cost items. Please let us know which ones you would like for your conference and in what quantity. The materials listed in category two may be taken on consignment.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

February 8, 1961

Mr. Will Maslow
American Jewish Congress
Stephen Wise Congress House
15 East 84th Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Will:

Thanks for your good letter dated February 1. I am happy to send you the enclosed copy of our report on "The Federal Executive and Civil Rights" as it finally shaped up.

We've been pleased by the evidence so far that the report is getting serious attention within the new administration.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

February 8, 1961

Mr. Harry Fleischman
National Labor Service
165 East 56th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Harry:

Sorry to miss a chance at least to talk with you by telephone when I was so briefly in New York last week. I will be back soon, but don't yet know exactly when. This is a time in the affairs of men when I would especially like to meet with the MMCommittee. There is almost no chance that I can do so on the 15th, though if any last-minute chance develops, I'll call you. Otherwise, I'll just have to keep trying.

We are most interested in the "Monitor South" business. You are no doubt as skeptical as we are about the claimed effectiveness of this outfit -- they're probably as bad as most intergroup relations agencies. Can you shed any light on the outreach and effects they are getting? If it's considerable, SRC and the other agencies operating down here might be able to set up some sort of counter-activity.

As you probably know, several important publications are poking into the Prince Edward County situation -- the Saturday Evening Post being the latest I've dealt with (by phone).

We've received a $500 contribution from IUD, which makes us feel better about Labor.

As ever,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Encls: School Desegregation...
Last Voting Study
HCF's NYT reprint
L-reports #16,17,18,21, &22

February 8, 1961

Mr. Victor Weingarten
Victor Weingarten Public Relations
10 East 44th Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Weingarten:

I am extremely sorry that my inept scheduling in New York last week deprived me of the opportunity to meet and talk with you, as we had planned. The next few weeks should bring me to New York again, and this time I will hope to do better.

Meanwhile, I am enclosing a few publications of the Council that may be of interest. None of them is directly pertinent to the subject of your forthcoming speech in Savannah, but perhaps they will have some general background value.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

February 8, 1961

Miss Toby Grace Magid
c/o Mrs. Marnesba Hill
Hunter Library
Hunter College
New York, New York

Dear Miss Magid:

Mr. Fleming has asked that I reply to your letter of February 1.

There are occasions when we employ one or more students during the summer. However, we will not be able to determine our needs for this year before mid-March at the earliest and possibly much later.

If an opening exists, it will be for very routine work such as clipping newspapers for our research department.

If you are interested, with the understanding that an opening is uncertain at best, we will be happy to consider the matter again when we will have a more definite idea of our needs. It would be helpful to us to have more information; your interests, work experiences, grades, background, etc.

One other possibility that might interest you is with the American Friends Service Committee.

AFSC has several summer projects in the South for college students. Miss Jean Fairfax is in charge of this program and can be reached at: 160 North 15th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Your sense of enthusiasm is admirable and almost contageoud! For this reason especially, I regret that we can offer no greater encouragement to your very sound idea.

Please give our best regards to Dr. & Mrs. Hill. They are missed.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

February 8, 1961

Mr. Louis Glickman
Anti-Defamation League
220 Empire Building
Denver, Colorado

Dear Louis:

You were very thoughtful to write me that kind note after the NAIRO meeting, and I have been meaning ever since to thank you for it.

This gives me a chance to send you a copy of our report, "The Federal Executive and Civil Rights," recently submitted to President Kennedy and his key advisers. It has had a good reception so far, and I think you will find it of interest.

As it happens, my wife spent some of her happiest younger years in Denver, where she has family, and we have an old, frustrated desire to get out there one of these days. If we do, you can be sure that I will be in touch with you. Of course, the same invitation holds for you if circumstances should bring you down this way.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

via air mail February 8, 1961

Rev. Malcolm Calhoun
Board of Christian Education
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.
Presbyterian Building
8 North 6th Street
Richmond 9, Virginia

Dear Malcolm:

Although I don't know them, I am told that the officers of the state AFL-CIO are good men in every respect. If my report is correct, you should have no trouble in getting them or someone designated by them to handle the assignment you have in mind. Their names are: Hall Boyd, President; Julian Carper, Vice President; State AFL-CIO, 102 N. Belvedere Street, Richmond, Va.

My very best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold. C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
P. S. -- Thanks for the kind words about our report to the President.

HCF

February 8, 1961

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

We would like to set the date of the next Executive Committeeemeeting as soon as possible. If acceptable to you, we have selected, and cleared with Mr. Wheeler, the date Wednesday, April 19th.

If this is not satisfactory, please give us several possible dates during that week or the one following.

A card is enclosed for your convenience.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1.

Sent with this ltr: 2 copies of "The Federal Executive..."
and page three of JC's reading list.

Sent separately: School Desegregation...
N.Y.T. ~~report by HCF~~ reprint by HCF
GErogia's Divided Education
Race and Law Enforcement

Name placed on
all-purpose mailing list

February 8, 1961

The Honorable Walter H. Moeller
House of Representatives
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman Moeller:

In response to your letter of February 6, I am happy to send you two copies of our report "The Federal Executive and Civil Rights," enclosed. I hope you will think it a useful document and will give us the benefit of any comments or criticisms that occur to you.

The Southern Regional Council publishes a great deal of material on various aspects of race relations, mainly in the South. I am sending separately a few of these that may be of interest, and I am enclosing a short list of titles. If you will check any of the latter you might wish, we shall be glad to send them with our compliments. Your name is being placed on our mailing list for future releases and reports.

Please call on me if the Council can be of service to you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Encls: "The Federal Executive..." and News Release on same.

February 8, 1961

Miss Theressa Hoover
Woman's Division of Christian Service
Board of Missions, The Methodist Church
Department of Christian Social Relations
475 Riverside Drive, Rm. 1482
New York 27, New

Dear Miss Hoover:

Your kind letter of January 31 is greatly appreciated, and we are most pleased that you feel our recent report to the President deserves the study of your consultative teams.

The full report, a copy of which is enclosed, is a rather expensive document. We are just now doing a second run, and the cost to us approaches thirty-five cents each. We will be happy to supply 250 copies to you at this unit price, although it will be about ten days before the second offset-printing is delivered.

If this seems too costly, or if you should prefer a briefer treatment of the subject, we could run off an additional 250 copies of the enclosed news release for three or four cents apiece.

I hope I may look forward to seeing you at the Louisville conference, which I am scheduled to take part in on March 21.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
enclosures - 2.

February 8, 1961

The Honorable Jacob Javits
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Javits:

This is to say a word of warm appreciation to you for your insert in the January 30 Congressional Record, and for your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of it.

Your summary of the Southern Regional Council's proposals for executive action on civil rights is excellent, and greatly assists us in making our proposals known.

Please let us know whenever we can be of service to you and your office.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 8, 1961

Mr. Wilson Record
Associate Professor
Department of Sociology
Sacramento State College
Sacramento 19, California

Dear Wilson:

Please accept my abject apologies for not writing you long ago about *Little Rock, U.S.A.*, which you were kind enough to have sent to me. This is a superb documentation of the Little Rock episode. I am delighted to have it and to know that it is going to be used (widely, I hope) as a text. My delinquency in replying should be explained. I made the mistake of circulating your letter with the book to other members of our staff, and it has only just now returned to my desk. I may add, however, that my high opinion of the book is shared by others here.

We will run a note about the book in an early issue of *New South*. I hope that will help to call it to the attention of people in the South who can use it profitably.

I am enclosing a copy of our report, "The Federal Executive and Civil Rights," which we have recently submitted to President Kennedy and key persons in his administration. I'd be grateful for your reactions.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

February 8, 1961

Mr. Morris L. Ernst
Greenbaum, Wolff & Ernst
285 Madison Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Ernst:

As you know, Dave Freeman has sent on to me correspondence about the possibility of updating Integration North and South. Although we have been pondering this for several weeks, I did send you a couple of the few remaining copies of the booklet, for you and your son.

I quite agree with you that an updating of the study would be timely. This should prove useful to the overseas information program of the government, and equally in setting a positive public tone for the new Administration's approaches to civil rights problems.

Recalling that our earlier survey covered only a two-year period, it is clear that to cover the succeeding four years or more would be a far bigger task. The questions here, as they must be there, are those of personnel and money, as well as the shared question of publication. If the Northern part of the survey and publication of the findings could be separately financed, the Southern Regional

Council might be able to find or allocate sufficient funds to do the Southern fact-finding. (We would have to employ a temporary project person to do this satisfactorily.)

Please let me know how the matter appears to you, and through what mutual efforts you feel we can advance the idea.

With highest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 8, 1961

Mr. David F. Freeman
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York

Dear Dave:

The copy of your letter to Nat Griswold was most welcome here. We are greatly pleased that the Rockefeller Brothers Fund decided to extend its assistance to the Arkansas Council for an additional three-year period.

I did get to New York, as threatened in my recent letter, but the unexpected need to lop a day off the three-day visit and the run-away schedule that resulted left me no worthwhile opportunity to call you. I do want very much to talk to you soon, for more than sociable purposes. It looks as though I will be back to New York within a matter of weeks and, if so, will hope to get together with you then.

The report to the President has done better than we expected. It not only got a first-rate press, especially in the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post*, but it has also created something of a stir within the Administration. One encouraging evidence of this is the impressive number of requests we have received, by telephone and letter, from the agencies most closely concerned. The reaction from the top echelon is so far oral, informal, and indirect. But these emanations also sound hopeful. I will let you know if we get further noteworthy feed back.

Until I see you, the very best,

As ever,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 8, 1961

Mr. James B. Carey
Secretary-Treasurer
Industrial Union Department
815 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Carey:

Your letter of February 7 transmitting the Industrial Union Department's contribution of $500 is most warmly appreciated.

The cooperation and support of the Labor Movement have a special meaning for the Southern Regional Council. From its inception, the Council has seen in the unions a vast potentiality for constructive leadership in the South. The forward-looking unions are among the staunchest allies of the Council and the democratic solutions it is working for.

Please share our greetings and deep appreciation with your fellow officers of the Industrial Union Department.

Cordially yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Official receipt)

Bc: Ben D. Segal

February 8, 1961

Mr. Ben D. Segal
Education Department
I. U. E., AFL-CIO
1126 - 16th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ben:

We received today the very welcome letter from Mr. Carey, enclosing the IUD's check for $500. I have acknowledged the contribution as enclosed.

We are deeply indebted to you for many things. The securing of this important new contribution makes me and your other friends in the Council all the more aware of your friendship and its value.

I hope we will find ourselves together again before too much longer.

Yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

via air mail February 8, 1961

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
Executive Director
New World Foundation
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Mr. Eagle:

This is to put before the Foundation a request for renewal of the annual grant of $20,000 in support of the central program of the Southern Regional Council.

We are sensitive to the fact that the Foundation's major assistance in recent years represents an extraordinary degree of confidence in our efforts. We are not only profoundly grateful, but anxious not to presume upon a relationship that we value most highly. This request for renewed support is not submitted routinely, but with confidence that it will be considered on the merits of the Council and its role in the months to come.

In addition to its continuing functions, the Council in 1961 must give high priority to two major developments which will basically affect race relations: the coming of desegregation to the heart of the deep South, and the approach of the new national Administration to civil rights.

In New Orleans, Jacksonville, Atlanta, and elsewhere in the deep South, the advent of the student "sit-in" movement has created new pressures and tensions, psychological and economic. These developments are certain to continue and spread. As a result, the Council's functions of public interpretation and consultation with community leaders have taken on added and urgent importance. There is and will continue to be a great need for the services of the Council in these troubled communities, where a broad range of skills and materials must be brought to bear.

The first court-ordered school desegregation in the deep South, in New Orleans, has attracted national attention and concern, and is still far from resolved. In this situation, intimidation and mob action go far beyond the immediate issues involved; they threaten the basic values of our society. Here the Council must continue to seek support for courageous individuals in the pioneering role, while prodding the established leadership of the community to maintain order and reason.

As the new Administration begins to function in Washington, the Council is giving high priority to the role of national leadership. We have long worked closely with the Federal agencies charged with civil rights responsibilities. In the months ahead, we foresee many more requests for such advice and cooperation. It is equally important for the Council to make the best recommendations it can muster for greater effectiveness of the Executive Branch in the civil rights field. As the leading Southern organization of its kind, the Council has a unique obligation to exert a positive and helpful influence on the planning of the President in this field.

As a first step, the Council has prepared a report on "The Federal Executive and Civil Rights." This document has been transmitted to President Kennedy, appropriate members of his staff, and agency heads. We are encouraged by the reception of these recommendations thus far, in the press and in the new Administration.

Apart from this special effort, we hope that the Council will have unprecedented opportunities in 1961 to work in detail with the new Administration in whatever approaches to racial problems it may adopt.

In order to carry out these and other essential efforts, the Council must raise for general operations approximately $75,000 from uncommitted sources. A copy of the Council's operating budgets and income forecast is enclosed. The 1960 audit which has been delayed by the illness of the Secretary-Treasurer, will be forwarded shortly.

We express once again the gratitude of the Council's policy leadership and staff for the New World Foundation's generous assistance in the past. It is our hope that the periodic reports and other communications from the Council convey something of the challenge and excitement of the work which the Foundation has helped make possible.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

February 8, 1961

Mr. Henry Clark
430 Canner Street
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Clark:

Thank you for your letter and for your Ten Dollar ..($10.00) check for materials.

We are mailing you, under separate cover, some of the material you suggested plus information and material on the Council. We are mailing it Special Delivery parcel post which should enable you to receive it in time for your meeting next week.

Again, thanks for your interest and your contribution toward the Council's work.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/bcc

INTER-OFFICE MEMO

TO: WF AND MF
CC TO STAFF

February 9, 1961

FROM: LWD

Please do not send out any copies of [illegible] L-23 without first checking with MM for corrections.

February 9, 1961

The Rev. Edw. A. Cahill
605 Boulevard N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ed:

Many thanks for sending me the Unitarian Register which contained Dave Leonard's poem, and also the April, 1960 issue with the article on anti-Semitism. This was very well done.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

February 9, 1961

Mr. Aubrey N. Brown, Jr.
Editor
The Presbyterian Outlook
512 East Main Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brown:

We are very glad to know that you are thinking of reprinting the list of colleges from Report L-23. There are, as you apparently suspected, a few corrections. We had already learned about the Presbyterian School of Christian Education. In addition, another Presbyterian school, Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri, should be included. And, of course, the University of Miami.

We sent the report to every school listed with the view that any school "falsely" listed could write and inform us to the contrary. As it happens, we have got two such corrections directly from the colleges and so you should delete Barry College in Miami, Florida and Midway Junior College in Kentucky; the latter also pointed out that it is church-connected (Disciples of Christ).

If we get any more corrections before you publish, I shall sent them on to you.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dubbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

BCC: Courtney Siceloff

February 9, 1961

Mr. Gregory E. Shinert
Executive Director
Missouri Commission on Human Rights
Rm. 1311-B, State Capitol
Jefferson City, Missouri'

Dear Mr. Shinert:

Thank you for sending us a copy of Study of Human Rights in Missouri. I have read this with real admiration for the job done and also with a more informed understanding of the extent of discrimination in a border state.

If you have two copies to spare, I wonder if you could sent them to the following people:

Mr. Courtney Siceloff, Penn Community Center, St. Helena Island, Frogmore, S. C.

Professor Joe Elmore, Earlham College, Richmond, Ind.

The Penn Community Center is drawing up plans for a similar survey in South Carolina. Professor Elmore, despite his address, is directing a similar study for Texas under the sponsorship of the Texas Council of Churches. I am sure that both of these men would like to see what you have done.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

February 9, 1961

Mr. Joe Elmore, Chairman
Convocation Committee
Earlham College
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Joe:

I enjoyed the visit thoroughly and hope that it worked out well for you. Not the least enjoyable part of the visit was meeting your wife and family.

Will you please give Peter Kline this address: A. E. Cox, Delta Foundation, 933 Chambliss Road, Memphis 16, Tenn.

The expenses were as follows:

Airline bus, Atlanta	$1.35
Air, Atlanta to Cincinatti	37.37
Train, Cincinatti to Atlanta	31.71
Breakfast	1.55
	$71.98

About the Texas study. Would you want, after checking with Kilpatrick and Jackson, to give me in a letter the following:

1. An indication of the minimum necessary to do, in in order to give reasonable assurance that the studies begun last Summer will be completed; a plan for doing this; and an approximate cost.

2. Approximate cost for the general meeting planned for this Summer and a word as to why you think it desirable.

3. A brief statement about publication plans, and estimated costs.

4. An indication of the funds and other resources typing, telephone, etc.) now in sight.

I don't know what, if any, help we can muster, and if any at all I am sure it will be modest. But there is always a chance, and so some figures and plans--geared to lean hopes--would be useful. One specific thing that you might ask Kilpatrick and Jackson to think about and comment on is whether we could help effectively and efficiently with memeographing and mailing, in connection with the final reports or with correspondence now.

On the train coming back from Indiana, I read a survey of Missouri just released by the state Commission on Human Rights; it struck me as a pretty fair job, and I have asked the Commission to send you a copy. It may give you some ideas.

Best regards,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

February 9, 1961

Mrs. Neal Spahr
916 - 17th Street, S. W.
Knoxville 16, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Spahr:

First of all let me thank you for taking time to let me know you liked our workbook "Justice Weighed in the Balance."

We regret very much that the "Home Town Self-Survey" is out of print. However, we are sending you six copies of "Greenville's Big Idea," and perhaps this will help you.

We are getting some right good reports as follow-ups of the Workshop. On February 21, we will have an inter-faith meeting, "Our Facade of Brotherhood" here in Atlanta. I leave that afternoon for Avon Park for the Florida Fellowship of the Concerned.

With best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

February 9, 1961

Mrs. R. R. Eckart, Jr.
4547 Mark Twain Drive
New Orleans 26, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Eckart:

Thank you so much for calling our attention to the article in *The Pulpit*. We have one copy of it in the office and I will read it as soon as I come back from a series of trips. I liked very much the quote that concludes the article.

From what you and others say about the article, I think it would be well to give it to your Christian Social Relations chairmen.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

February 9, 1961

Professor James W. Prothro
Department of Political Science
The University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Jim:

I am sorry not to have replied sooner, but I hope this' may still help. I expect to have some other information next week and shall write again.

May I say first off that I think you are going to have trouble getting people--most of whom will perforce be connected with schools--who will have the time you need from March to June.

In Alabama, you might seek help from Professor James E. Pierce, Political Science, Alabama State College. I am to be in Montgomery February 16 and will make further inquiries.

In Arkansas, Dr. William Phillips, Jr., Sociology, Agricultural, Mechanical,& Normal College, Pine Bluff, has been recommended to me, either as a possible researcher or as an adviser on recruitment; all of your counties are in the Pine Bluff-Little Rock vicinity. I believe Mr. Nat Griswold, Director, Arkansas Council on Human Relations, 1220 West Capitol, Little Rook could also be helpful with names.

Georgia. Dr. Tillman Cothran, Sociology, Atlanta University, suggests that either he or Dr. John Reid, Sociology,AU., or another man in their department might be available, under the right conditions, to do the two counties, or at least Gwinnett.

__Louisiana__. Dr. Daniel Thompson, Sociology, Dillard University, New Orleans is an able and expesienced researcher.

__Mississippi__. Professor Ernst Borinski (white), Sociology, Tougaloo Southern Christian College, Tougaloo is something of an institution. All hands advise that you ought to consult him.

__North Carolina__. Dr. ? Himes, Sociology, North Carolina College, Durham has been recommended to me. Never overlook the range of information and acquaintances of John Wheeler, Farmers and Mechanics Bank, Durham.

__Tennessee__. Hickman being just outside Nashville, suggest you write to Dr. John Hope, Race Relations Department, Congregational Christian Churches, Fisk University, Nashville.

__Texas__. Dr. W. Astor Kirk, Political Science, Houston-Tillotson College, Austin is an impressive guy and widely acquainted in the state; doesn't answer letters promptly.

__Virginia.__ Professor Kenneth Moreland, Sociology, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg probably has a good acquaintance among Negro academic people in western Virginia, and would be a thoroughly reliable adviser.

Will write again.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

February 9, 1961

Mrs. Paul Arrington
1735 Piedmont Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Bess:

When your letter came expressing appreciation of the Workshop and your request for the address of the place we secured the prayer cards, Mr. Tilly was so ill I let the request slip by. I am sorry because I think you must have wanted them for Christmas for your class. Maybe you can use them at Easter.

Many things have happened since November - the most significant one being the integration of our State university (at least two Negroes are there).

The story of Athens, the seat of the university, is great. The faculty, the large part of the student body, the mayor, the chief of police, the Grand Jury, many of the civic clubs and the Ministerial Association took positive stands. Besides over a thousand citizens signed petitions to keep the university open and a plea for decency and order. The Athens radio and daily paper, and sermons in many of the churches stated plain facts on law and order and respect for human dignity.

The right about face of the governor was pathetic in a way and you could see how he suffered. The Legislature removed all segregation laws from our books but passed some funny bills that can't hold.

Atlanta has been ordered to integrate on the high school level in September. The university test will certainly help us.

Lots of love.

From,

Dorothy Tilly

February 9, 1961

Miss Emily Squires
170 Main Hall
Randolph-Macon Woman's College
Lynchburgh, Virginia

Dear Miss Squires:

Enclosed is some informational material on the Southern Regional Council.

If we can be of additional aid, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encls.

February 9, 1961

Mr. Ira Kaye
Attorney
120 North Main Street
Sumter, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Kaye:

After talking with you, with Dr. Ross Green, educational psychologist at Emory University, Dr. Kenneth Morland, chairman of the Sociology Department at Randolph-Macon Woman's College, I have asked Dr. Morland to be in touch with you by telephone, to be available as an expert witness and to make another field trip to Sumter if you and he should deem this advisable.

It seems to me that Dr. Morland most nearly meets your immediate needs of someone who can testify as to the general effects of segregation upon the children involved with some local interpretations of these factors. As you know, Dr. Morland has served as this kind of expert witness in at least one other school desegregation case.

If it seems as your planning develops that other kinds of authorities in the field of educational psychology or school administration will be needed, we will be happy to consult with the American Jewish Committee about securing such personnel.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm
cc: Edwin Lukas

INTER-OFFICE MEMO

TO: WF✓ AND MF
CC TO STAFF

February 9, 1961

FROM: LWD

Please do not send out any copies of [illegible] L-23 without first checking with MM for corrections.

February 10, 1961

Mr. Robert Suritz
B'nai B'rith
1640 Rhode Island Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Bob:

Many thanks for the clippings you have sent to me, and for the kind words. Our report to the President has at least attracted some attention, both in the press and in the new Administration. We see this as only the first shot in a continuing campaign to prod and assist executive leadership in civil rights.

Incidentally, I gather that Bernhard has got the top staff spot in the Commission on Civil Rights, although the formal appointment has not been announced.

It was a great pleasure having that hour with you when you were in Atlanta, and I hope we will keep in close touch. I am making sure that you are on our mailing list.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. -- I agree with your view of John Morris's letter to the Post and I have told him so.

HCF

February 10, 1961

Mr. Frank McCallister
Roosevelt University
Chicago 5, Illinois

Dear Frank:

Reading the Congressional Record -- or the New York Times for that matter -- does have its hazards!

Many thanks for your thoughtful note and the clipping from the Record.

I hope we will see one another again one of these years.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 10, 1961

Mr. D. F. Shaughnessy
Butler Library
Columbia University
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Shaughnessy:

I am happy to send you a copy of our report, "The Federal Executive and Civil Rights," with our compliments.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

February 10, 1961

Mr. Dai Kitagawa
World Council of Churches
Division of Studies
17, Route De Malagnou
Geneva, Switzerland

Dear Dai:

You were very thoughtful to write me that kind letter of February 3. You are right about my reaction to the personal publicity; I take comfort from your view that this is all for the good of the work. I am looking forward to reading your draft copy of your report on Central Africa. To put it mildly, these are exciting days, and it must be interesting and rewarding for you to be in the center of these great world changes.

With the very best wishes for you and your challenging work,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 10, 1961

Mrs. Alice Hasse, Librarian
Cornell Joint District No. 2
Cornell, Wisconsin

Dear Mrs. Hasse:

We are enclosing a listing of our materials. Please let us know which ones you would like for the library and we will mail them to you.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to the Director of Information

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Encl.

February 10, 1961

Mr. Richard A. Rettig
President
United States National Student Association
3457 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

Dear Dick:

Thank you for your letter and your comments.

I will write Mr. Robinson and give him any information I have. I also will see that Roger received materials which might be of value.

We still have not been able to turn up your letter of January 3, but will send the 100 copies of the Fowler Report any way. May I suggest that if the canceled check has not been returned that you notify the bank to stop payment on that particular check and mail us a duplicate; or if you prefer, I will ask Connie to give us a check as we originally planned. Either way will be all right with us.

It was good seeing you and I hope the next trip you will be able to accept the invitation I extended on the last trip.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

February 10, 1961

Mr. W. L. Mole
5219 Skidway Road
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mole:

We are enclosing a listing of our materials, both free and cost items. Please let us know which ones you would like and in what quantity, and we will mail them to you.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to the Director of Information

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Encl.

February 10, 1961

Mr. Douglass Cater
The Reporter
1107 National Press Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Doug:

You have an uncanny sense of timing. I suppose I spend a grand total of 10 days a year in New York, and you unfailingly manage to call me on those days.

Anyhow, I can't see what I might have added to your perceptive grasp of the New Orleans situation. Your article, which just arrived, is right on the button. Of course, we are delighted to have SRC cited as the source of inspiration. As far as I can see, all that remains is to push further the question of precisely what Kennedy and company can do to get the New Orleans ox out of the ditch. We are giving this some heavy thought, and I may want to brainstorm the question with you some time soon.

We have had no official reaction to our report from Kennedy, although we have had some pleasant acknowledgments from advisers, agency heads, cabinet officers, and so on. The most hopeful sign is the number of requests for additional copies we have had, by letter and telephone, from the several agencies most concerned -- Justice, Defense, Housing, etc.

The informal word we get from these quarters is that the report is required reading and conference material for a fair number of the new frontiersmen. No doubt, a combination of judicious public pressure and private advice is going to be called for during the foreseeable future. Your analysis of the internal situation and your suggestions as to SRC's most useful role at any given time will be of enormous help to us.

I will be writing or calling you again soon. Meanwhile, all the best.

As ever,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 10, 1961

Miss Eve Parker
Lamont House
Smith College
Northampton, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Parker:

Your mother has suggested to me that you might be interested in seeing the Council's report on "The Federal Executive and Civil Rights."

I am happy to send you the enclosed copy. If you and your fellow students should want any materials or information on Southern race relations we should be happy to try to furnish them.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

February 10, 1961

Mr. David V. Kerman
1422 Nelson Avenue
Bronx 52, New York

Dear Mr. Kerman:

Thank you for your letter of the 5th. Under separate cover we are sending you a few of our materials which may be of interest to you.

As to the matter of employment, our organization has very few openings -- as you might imagine. However, we will be happy to consider your application at some future date when you have completed your work at Pratt. As a matter of interest, our professional staff consists, generally, of native Southerners for the obvious advantage that gives to our type of work.

When you are ready to consider employment in the South, you might also want to contact the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials at 426 West 58th Street, Room 209, New York 19. NAIRO maintains the most complete listing of openings in the human relations field.

If we can be of additional help, please call on us.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

February 10, 1961

Miss Nina Starr
818 N. E. 36th Avenue
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Nina:

Your nice note of February 8 is most warmly appreciated.

We are pleased by the reaction so for to our report to the President. It remains to be seen, of course, how effectively he will use the powers of his office in the civil rights field. If he approaches this set of problems with the same vigor and directness as he seems to be applying to others, we have much cause for hope.

The very best to you and Nathan.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 10, 1961

Mrs. Helena M. Payne
1405 N. 25th Street
Richmond 23, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Payne:

I was very glad to have your letter of January 26 describing the work of the Virginia Voters League. Certainly this is the kind of grass roots effort that must be carried on throughout the South if the benefits of the ballot are to be realized fully.

I take it from your letter you are in hopes of financial support from the Southern Regional Council. Unhappily, we have no funds for the support of other agencies and efforts in the South, however worthy. The most we can manage out of our limited budget is some assistance to the State Councils on Human Relations of which this organization is the parent body.

Although we cannot help financially, we should be more than happy to cooperate with the Virginia Voters League in the pursuance of our common programs.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 10, 1961

Mr. Kim Milling
1887 East 84th Street
Cleveland 3, Ohio

Dear Mr. Milling:

Most of our publications are concerned with the problems of race relations in the South; I am sending you a few thing(s) that will perhaps prove helpful as background material. For more specific information on inner-city projects by the various denominations, I would suggest that you write to the following persons:

Miss Barbara Moffett
Community Relations Program
American Friends Service Committee
160 N. 15th Street
Philadelphia 2, Pa.

Dr. Foy Valentine
Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention
161 Eighth Avenue, North
Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. Galen Weaver
Congregational Christian Churbhes
Race Relations Department
287 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

United Christian Missionary Society
Disciples of Christ
222 South Downey Avenue
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

The Board of Social Missions of the
Lutheran Church in America
231 Madison Avenue
New York 16, N. Y.

The Board of Social and Economic Relations
The Methodist Church
740 Rush Street
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dept. of Social Education & Action
Board of Christian Education
Presbyterian Church in USA
830 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Presbyterian Church in the US
Presbyterian Building
8 North Sixth Street
Richmond, Virginia

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Mailed separately:

Perkins School of Theology Journal, Summer 1958, Pp. 29-43
Tarplee, The Church in Areas of Racial Tension
Campbell, "Religion's Role in Desegregation" - New South, 1/60
McGill, "TheAgony of the Southern Minister"

TO: BM February 10, 1961

FROM: MA

Today we received the 101 copies of the Saturday Review which contain G. W. Foster's "1960: Turning Point for Desegregation?" (Reprints were not available)

Would you like us to send you copies, and if so how many?

February 10, 1961

Mr. Aryeh Neier
Associate Editor
CURRENT
905 Madison Avenue
New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Neier:

When we release a report we usually look forward to hearing from you, for we regard listing in your Readers Service as a valued commendation. In the case of The Federal Executive and Civil Rights, on the other hand, I was almost hoping you would not write, for I knew that a request would cause a good bit of head-scratching here.

We mimeographed only 1,000 copies, and made no distribution except to government offices, selected agencies and friends, and (later) the press. Subsequently, because of demand, we have ordered additional copies reproduced by offset, and these should be available late next week. However, for several reasons--but chiefly budgetary--we have departed from our customary practice and have charged everyone not included in our initial distribution, even for single copies. Reluctantly, we have to conclude that we cannot, consistently and fairly, charge people who request the report, and make it available free through you.

The price is $0.50 for single copies, $o.35 a copy on quantity orders. The only thing I can suggest is that we would make them available to your readers through your Readers Service at $0.35 a piece. I know that any charge is contrary to your practice and that this offer is therefore probably not acceptable.

Glad to receive the news about the list of names who ordered Racial Violence and Law Enforcement. Will appreciate receiving it.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

February 10, 1961

Mr. M. J. Senter
Director of Education
Government of American Samoa
Pago Pago, American Samoa

GAS/4A
DE:MJS:fm
Serial: 570

Dear Mr. Senter:

As you requested, we are placing your name on our mailing list.

Also enclosed is a materials listing of items we now have on hand. If any of these items are of interest to you, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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Encl.

February 10, 1961

Mrs. Walter Paschall
1957 Westminster Way
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Eliza:

Some time ago Mrs. Estelle Wyckoff, volunteer CORE representative in Atlanta indicated that she would appreciate an opportunity to meet with the executive committee of the Atlanta Council. She indicated that she felt there was some misunderstanding of CORE's activities here on the part of some members of the Atlanta Council. I told her I would pass this on to you and suggest that I thought it would be appropriate. I then forgot about it until recently.

Along the line of keeping the leadership of the Atlanta Council informed as to other efforts in the human relations field, it might also be useful to ask Wyatt Tee Walker, executive director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to meet briefly with the group. My idea in suggesting these things is not that the Atlanta Council should necessarily indicate any approval of these groups, but simply that direct contact should be established and the activities of these groups should be interpreted directly to the members of the Council.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

February 10, 1961

Mr. Albert W. Dent
President
Dillard University
New Orleans, La.

Dear Dr. Dent:

As we discussed when you were here for the Executive Committee meeting, I was most interested in your remarks about the economic effects on New Orleans of the school disorders. I think there would be reat interest in an L-Report which collected as many indications of economic loss as there now are. I do not have in mind a scholarly survey or analysis; that may come later. Just the sort of things which you mentioned, provided they can be satisfactorily documented, would be enough: hotel vacancies, as shown by newspaper advertising; decline in attendance at the downtown church frequented by tourists; fall-off of department store sales; etc. Nor would the presentation have to be polished. Indeed, I think the most effective thing would be a series of short paragraphs, each one reporting a fact. There would need be no analysis: the facts could speak for themselves.

I wonder if someone on your faculty could, in fairly quick order, pull together such a collection of illustrative facts? If so, I think we could pay a modest honorarium, $25.00 - $50.00, depending on the time and effort required.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

February 10, 1961

The Rev. Heslip Lee
First Baptist Church
Monticello and Gary
Springfield, Virginia

Dear Happy:

We now have official word that both the Georgia and Atlanta jobs have been filled by persons we hope and believe will be competent and qualified to meet the challenges ahead.

Many of us regret that it was not possible for you to come with us at this time. There will be other opportunities.

I hope that we can get together for a long leisurely talk during one of my future trips to Virginia.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

February 10, 1961

Mr. Gil Roland
Religious Editor
Greenville News
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Roland;

I very much enjoyed the opportunity of meeting you during the student conference in Columbia recently. I am sending you some of our materials and will continue to do so as they appear. I hope we meet again in the near future.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

February 10, 1961

Dr. G. G. Williamson, Jr.
Economics Department
University of South Carolina
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Dr. Williamson:

I very much enjoyed the opportunity of meeting you during the student conference in Columbia recently. I am sending you some of our materials and will continue to do so as they appear. I hope we meet again in the near future.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

February 10, 1961

Mrs. Linda Ann Brown
Reading Room Librarian
School of Journalism
University of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Mrs. Brown:

Because of the great demand for copies of materials issued by the Council, we make a general practice of sending one copy without charge, and charging for additional copies. RACIAL CRISIS AND THE PRESS is priced at .25 per copy, for quantity orders.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

February 10, 1961

Sister Mary Alice, O. P.
Executive Vice President
Barry College
Miami, Florida

Dear Sister Mary Alice:

Thank you for your letter of February 2. We are deleting the name of Barry College from any subsequent mailings of our list of desegregated institutions. Our source, incidentally, for inclusion of it was the Statistical Summary in Southern School News, October 15, 1958, which noted that the college "reportedly" had dropped racial qualifications.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
CC: Reed Sarratt
Southern School News

February 10, 1961

Mr. David L. Cleveland
Director of Public Relations
Midway Junior College
Midway, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Cleveland:

Thank you for your letter of February 3. We are deleting the Midway Junior College from all subsequent mailings of our listing on desegregated institutions.

In designating your school as a "private" institution, we were following the information in the *Education Directory*, 1960-61, and earlier issues.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
CC: Reed Sarratt
Southern School News

February 10, 1961

Miss Elizabeth Hofmann
Secretary
National and World Affairs Club
814 Washington South
Moscow, Idaho

Dear Miss Hofmann:

Since you have such a short time to prepare for your topic, I'm sending speeches and articles (in most cases the New South articles marked are condensations of longer and more detailed reports) which I hope will be helpful to you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
New South, June 1959
July-August 1959
December 1959
October 1959
January 1960
June 1960
July-August 1960
September 1960
October 1960
January 1961
Fleming, "A Southern View of the South"
McGill, "The Agony of the Southern Minister"
Wright, "Segregation in the Space Age"
Wright, "Public Ethics and the Integration Question"
Dabbs, "The Tragic Fellowship of Southerners"

February 10, 1961

Mr. Frederick B. Routh
P. O. Box 2292
Detroit 31, Michigan

Dear Fred:

Thanks for your good letter of February 1 and the clippings you were thoughtful enough to send along. Our report has had a good press, everywhere that it counts, and is at least causing something of a stir along the new frontier. We are waiting with bated breath for Kennedy to show his hand on civil rights.

Your investigation of the Highway Department must be an exciting if breathtaking enterprise. This kind of thing, well handled, can give you and your agency the stature you deserve. The newspaper accounts reflect great credit on your PR skills.

Best regards from all of us here, and from the home front.

Yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 10, 1961

Mr. Mathew Ahmann
National Catholic Conference for
Interracial Justice
21 W. Superior Street
Chicago 10, Illinois

Dear Matt:

As far as I can tell at this point, I will be in Atlanta on the 27th and will be glad to see you at whatever time you find most convenient. Give me a call when you get in.

It's good news that you are going to be spending some time in the New Orleans-Lafayette area.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

White Copy

February 10, 1961

Mr. Donald Watt
27 East 13th Street
New York 3, New York

Dear Don:

Thanks for your very welcome note. I am glad to send you a copy of our opus on the President and civil rights, enclosed.

Mrs. Brian sounds like a real resource, and we will certainly be in touch with her. Unhappily, there is no state or local group directly connected with us in Louisiana. But we can be greatly benefited by the local intelligence and suggestions for program that a person like Mrs. Brian can give us.

I very much hope to see you during some early trip to New York. Meanwhile, all the best.

As ever,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 10, 1961

Dr. Celestine L. Smith
Consultant in Human Relations
Y. W. C. A.
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Dr. Smith:

Thanks for your letter concerning our report to the President, a copy of which I am enclosing.

Since the report is a rather expensive production and we have been able to prepare only a limited number of copies, we have been obliged to put a price on it of .50 per single copy, and .35 each in quantity. If, after looking it over, you feel the report is something the Student YWCA Regional Offices should have, we will be glad to make the 35 copies available at the quantity rate.

I am also enclosing a copy of the rather full news release on the report. If you would prefer a summary of this kind, we could supply copies of this without charge.

We greatly appreciate your interest and all the good work you are doing.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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February 10, 1961

Mr. Melvin Bergheim
Governmental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mel:

Atlanta or Nashville should be suitable as a "showcase" city for the Resident Foreign Correspondents Project. Both are big enough for the group to move about in freely and inconspicuously, both have continuing problems of adjustment, and both are enlightened enough in climate and leadership to make this kind of study fruitful. There are no doubt other, smaller cities that would serve the purposes. But the accessibility and convenience of these argue strongly in favor of them. The choice between the two is somewhat arbitrary; perhaps because of a natural bias I would tip the scale somewhat on the side of Atlanta.

If we can be helpful with further advice, background materials, or what not, let me know.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 10, 1961

Mr. William J. Trent, Jr.
Executive Director
United Negro College Fund, Inc.
22 East 54th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Bill:

Thanks for your welcome letter of February 16. All of my friends have been congratulating me on being described as only "somewhat bald."

Copies of our report to the President are in somewhat scarce supply, but I am enclosing two copies. We will probably rerun it soon, so if worthwhile uses of a few more copies occur to you, let me know.

If you get the chance, your reactions to the report would be valued here.

My best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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February 10, 1961

Mr. William Peters
Associate Producer
WBC Productions, Inc.
205 East 67th Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Bill:

We'll be glad to add your professional self to our mailing list.

I look forward to learning more about the show you're working on: "What's My Bias?" Perhaps? Or have you gone conventional?

Yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 10, 1961

Mr. Wade Mackie
American Friends Service Committee
1608 Government Street
Baton Rouge 2, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Mackie:

Paul Rilling has turned over to me your letter of February 8 in which you request a photograph and biographical data for Mr. Wright. I am pleased to send the material to you, enclosed.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to the Director

MCF
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February 10, 1961

Mr. Parker G. Marden
Box 367 - Bates College
Lewiston, Maine

Dear Mr. Marden:

In reply to your request, we are mailing you some materials on the sit-in movement, including a bibliography published in the October issue of New South.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
The Student Protest Movement, Winter 1960
Price, "Toward a Solution of the Sit-in Controversy"
Morland, "Lunch Counter Desegregation in ......Texas"
McMillan, Racial Violence and Law Enforcement
Westfeldt, Settling a Sit-in (Nashville)
New South, Oct. 1960

February 10, 1961

Mr. George McMillan
Box 299
Aiken, S. C.

Dear George:

As we discussed last week when you were here, we want to do a piece about campus problems, and would like for you to write it. Generally, what we have in hopes is a report that would serve as a manual of advice for college administrations and faculties confronted with desegregation or with problems arising from student involvement in sit-ins. A manual, but done in your inimitable fashion; i.e. made interesting. The focus would be on the all white or predominantly white campus, though some of the special problems of the Negro college, as they are affected by sit-ins, should be treated. I am not sure at this time what form the resulting publication will take, except that it will be a printing job.

I have considered several ways of conceiving this idea, and methods of doing it. The approach which I am going to outline seems, on the whole, the best of the various ones I thought of; this doesn't preclude your offering better ideas.

1. I'll write a memo for you outlining what the article should contain, a sort of listing of questions and issues which occur to us here: such things as student and faculty preparation for desegregation; defenses against possible riot; teachniques during riots; policies toward press, visitors; outside groups; liaison with police; the student press; legal rights of students; academic freedom questions; public relations; etc. I'll do this within a week after we get your OK.

2. We'll select and send to you clips on some of the historic incidents. We shall avoid flooding you; we shall look instead for a few background pieces. I would hope that they would furnish you the episodes on which you could hang the discussion.

3. You do a rough draft as quickly as you can. I know that there really isn't such a thing as a rough draft, that you have to put your material and ideas into form, and that this is everything except for perfecting revisions. But just don't fret at this stage about the smoothness of copy of the full elaboration of points.

4. We'll mail your draft to several of our Board members who are university people; altogether, about 25 on our Board are connected with campuses and we ought to be able to get a good panel. We'll get their consent in advance to read and comment on your treatment. I am convinced this is worth doing. These poeple should have insights and experiences that you don't have, and which should be drawn on. The comments will be sent to you.

5. Finish it off.

How does this sound? Let me know. $500.00.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

February 10, 1961

Miss Judith Schaffel
Fox Hollow Lane
Old Westbury, New York

Dear Miss Schaffel:

I am sorry that we no longer have Questions and Answers: the School and the Courts, and it would be so out of date now, anyhow. I am sending you several things which may be helpful to you in your project.

If you have not already read Jack Greenberg's Race Relations and American Law (review in December 1959 New South inclued with materials sent) you would find this most helpful. Also, Notre Dame Lawyer, Sumposium, 1959, Vol. 34, No. 5, concerned the problems and responsibilities of desegregation and has one section on "The Role of the Legal Profession," by Howard C. Westwood.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
New South, December 1959
review of "Race Relations & American Law"
" " October 1959
"A Chronology of Segregation Court Cases"
What the Supreme Court Said, analysis by Prof. Robert A. Leflar
Civil Rights in the Nation's Capital
School Desegregation: the first six years

MEMORANDUM February 13, 1961

To: State Directors
From: Paul Rilling

Re: Staff Meeting, etc.

1. All of you are reminded that the SRC board has resolved that an annual audit is presently one of the requirements for SRC assistance. Be forewarned that second quarter grants will not be forthcoming until such time as we have received an audit roughly covering the 1960 year. Your check can be forwarded if you have an audit in progress or if you have a fiscal year ending during the next two months. Be sure and let us know. We have so far received only one 1960 audit.

2. We have received four replies so far to our request for information concerning your membership, number of local groups, board lists, your greatest successes and problems growing out of last year.

3. Those of you who have asked us to make hotel reservations will be staying at the Atlantan, 111 Luckie, N.W. We believe you will find this comfortable, if modest. The only drawback to this hotel is that it is one block away from the limousine pick-up and delivery point. If you come by limousine, you will get off at the Piedmont Hotel, cross Forsyth Street, and walk one block down Luckie Street. You will be able to see the hotel sign from the corner.

Let us know if there is anything else we need to do for you. Otherwise, we expect to see you in our new conference room at 5 Forsyth Street, Thursday February 23. I am sure you will remember that SRC foots the bill for this meeting.

P. S. and

4. Please send or bring copies of brochures, newsletters, etc. published by your Council.

February 13, 1961

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Thank you for your note on the Rock Hill situation. If we can help the folks in Rock Hill, I will be happy to go over there although with the power structure so firm in opposition to the student efforts, there does not seem to be much room for negotiation or accommodation.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Enc.

February 13, 1961

Miss Katherine Jones
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

I am enclosing our last memorandum concerning the state staff meeting which will answer your question about hotels.

I have not heard a word from Chattanooga concerning the meeting there since I talked personally with the chairman of the group and with Major Jones. They are in touch, however, with Edward Brown here who is race relations man for the United Church of Christ. I will let you know when I get definite word on the time and place.

The meeting here will be over by 3:30 on Friday. This early adjournment was set specifically to enable those who wish to do so to return to their homes Friday evening.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Enc.

February 13, 1961

Mr. Robert J. Greene
Area Director
The American Jewish Committee
Room 805
Continental Building
1012 - 14th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bob:

Many thanks for the copy of the report prepared by a committee of the NAIRO Washington Chapter. I will take care to treat it confidentially.

This is an impressive and useful survey. I'll be interested to learn, in due course, how it is used and with what results.

Our report is evidently getting a wide readership within the new administration -- to what effect remains to be seen.

My best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 13, 1961

Mr. Paul Cooke
American Veterans Committee
1830 Jefferson Place, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Paul:

Thanks for the word about the progress of plans for the March 3rd luncheon and dinner. I'm looking forward to the date.

As for our report, I trust you received the copy I sent you recently. Enclosed are two more copies.

For general purposes, our price if .50 per single copy, .35 each in quantity. If you find uses for more, I'll be happy to supply them at the latter price, which is approximately our cost.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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via air mail February 13, 1961

Mr. Leland DeVinney
Associate Director
Rockefeller Foundation
111 West 50th Street
New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. DeVinney:

Our talk week before last was very helpful to me. I am most appreciative.

I must confess to some difficulty in trying to comply with your request for informal examples of our "behind-the-scenes" activities. The enclosed memorandum, after some delay, is the net result. It is neither very anecdotal nor very spectacular, but perhaps it will help round out the picture of the Council's usefulness as we see it. I appreciate your assurance that the material will be used discreetly.

The more I have thought about it, the more I have concluded that the New York Times summed up best what the Council has tried to do -- to influence public opinion and policy by "making it impossible to ignore the facts. The Council's effectiveness probably must be measured in these terms.

At any rate, I hope the enclosure is of some use and that you will call on me for any supplementary information that might be needed.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

MEMORANDUM February 13, 1961

To: Mr. Leland DeVinney
Rockefeller Foundation

From: Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director - SRC

Re: Illustrations of the Southern Regional Council's Quiet Activities.

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The Southern Regional Council's unpublicized activities are of three sorts: work with state or community leaders, work with Federal agencies, and special uses of Council materials. The following examples are drawn from all three categories.

(1) Under the Council's auspices, Col. Benjamin Muse has conferred with the Governors of four states -- Faubus of Arkansas, Almond of Virginia, Hodges and Sanford of North Carolina, and Collins of Florida. Even in the case of Faubus, Col. Muse's counsel (to the effect that desegregation is both inevitable and workable) was cordially received. He was especially helpful in Florida, where he consulted over a period of months with Governor Collins and his advisers. He made a major contribution to the official race relations commission established by Governor Collins -- the definition of its task, its staffing, structure, and procedures. So far as possible, Col. Muse will establish similar communication with the other Southern governors. To the best of our knowledge, no other human relations group performs this continuing function.

(2) Muse and other Council staff membess and consultants have occasion to advise and counsel privately with mayors, city managers, police chiefs, and other officials, Two of

our consultants advised the Mayor of Raleigh on the appointment of a bi-racial committee to resolve sit-in disputes. Our local cooperating group in Nashville induced Mayor West to set up such a committee there, and furnished two of its members.

(3) For obvious reasons, the Council has worked most closely with local officials and other leaders in Atlanta. When golf course desegregation was at issue, we supplied Mayor Hartsfield with information on other Southern cities that had uneventfully taken this step; the Mayor used this information publicly to support his decision to desegregate. The same process took place in connection with bus desegregation.

More recently, the Council's staff has worked closely with the Mayor and Police Chief on problems arising from the sit-in situation. This has included steady advice to the Mayor in his mediating efforts, backgrounding him in the experience of other communities, and liaison with local Negro leadership. Although no final solution has been achieved, we were instrumental in securing a 30-day truce for negotiation, and in the release from jail of Martin Luther King, Jr., and a number of the student demonstrators.

(4) Atlanta's Police Chief made the Council's study Law Enforcement and Racial Violence required reading for all of the city's 800 policemen, and instructed each of them to prepare a written report on it. We supplied enough copies to the Police Training Division to make this possible.

(5) The Council's executive director was asked on Thanksgiving eve, by both Negro student and white adult leaders, to try to effect a last-minute meeting of the principal merchants and the protest group. Sit-ins were scheduled to resume, following the 30-day truce, on the day after Thanksgiving. Despite the best efforts of the Mayor, no face-to-face discussion by the principals on

both sides had previously been managed. After a Thanksgiving day of telephone calls and maneuvering too complicated to detail here, the effort was successful. Department store representatives and Negro students and adults met at 10:30 P.M. that night for a three-hour session. The meeting proved too little and too late. The department store president himself lamented that if such candid discussion had started at an earlier date, he felt sure a settlement could have been effected. At any rate, ground work was laid for the negotiations which are still bound to come.

(6) At a time of tension in Tallahassee, Florida, we received a confidential call from Governor Collins' executive assistant. The trial of four white youths accused of raping a Negro coed was in progress, the Governor was hopeful of a fair and unbiased verdict, but he and his advisers feared an imminent public appearance by Martin Luther King, Jr., would inflame public opinion and adversely influence the trial. Could we help guard against this? We discussed the matter frankly with Dr. King, who was in Atlanta, and proposed that he use the Tallahassee occasion to restate his opposition to capital punishment, applying the principle to the local case, in which the offenders were white and the victim Negro. Dr. King accepted the suggestion, and the magnanimity of his speech averted any negative public reaction in Tallahassee. The accused white men were subsequently found guilty by the all-white jury.

(7) The Council's educational consultant, John J. Brewbaker, former superintendent of Norfolk schools, has counselled privately with scores of superintendents and school board members throughout the South. There is little doubt in our minds that his practical advice has had measurable effects. Among the school authorities he has counselled are those in Virginia who voluntarily initiated desegregation at the beginning of the 1960-61 term. Several of them have acknowledged gratefully the sound guidance they received

from Mr. Brewbaker. This, too, is a continuing function.

(8) The Council has, without public credit, arranged for business leaders of Norfolk and Little Rock, (e.g., the Chamber of Commerce head in Little Rock) to meet with their counterparts in Atlanta and New Orleans. Obviously, their interpretations of the economic dangers of school closing and violence registered more strongly in Atlanta than in New Orleans. Making such consultations possible under "respectable" local auspices seems to us one of the Council's more useful quiet functions.

(9) A private session of Southern Episcopal Bishops was convened in Washington by the Presiding Bishop to deal with differences over race relations. The Council's Research Director was invited to present an analysis of the situation in the South as background for the conference.

(10) Negro leaders sought the Council's help in exposing and correcting a particularly brutal situation in Terrell County, Ga. Within a matter of weeks, a number of Negroes had been beaten or shot by local police; one of them had died after a vicious beating in the presence of his wife and children. These excesses occurred in an overall climate of severe discrimination; for example, not a single Negro in the County was registered to vote.

The Council telephoned the editor of the Washington Post, who agreed to send down one of his top reporters. Meanwhile, in cooperation with local Negro leaders, we arranged for the reporter to meet outside the County (for reasons of security) with witnesses to the brutalities. A member of the Council's staff served as "guide" and adviser on the fact-finding mission to South Georgia. The result was a full-page article in the Washington Post, describing the brutalities and discriminatory conditions in Terrell County. The Department of Justice was thus stimulated to launch a full-scale investigation. The overt terrorism ceased (though there have been sporadic and less flagrant incidents since), and the first voting case under the 1957 Civil Rights Act was filed against Terrell County registrars.

(11) In August 1958, the Council's executive committee instructed the director to seek an interview at the White House and convey to the President our view of the need for a strong statement upholding law and order in the South. A new school year was about to open in an atmosphere of tension over impending desegregation. The director conferred at length with Presidential Assistant Sherman Adams and Attorney General William P. Rogers. The following day, President Eisenhower read at his news conference a statement of the sort proposed by the Council. This was the first, and virtually only, clear expression of moral leadership made by President Eisenhower.

(12) Since its inception in 1957, the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights has turned frequently to the Council for confidential information and services. It would be pointless and tedious to summarize each instance, but here are a few illustrations:

(a) The Commission faced the formidable task of appointing advisory committees in all of the States. On request, the Council worked closely with the Commission on the make-up of the Southern state bodies; this was not merely a matter of identifying "liberals" in those states, but of helping the Commission find amenable persons of both races and a wide range of racial attitudes.

(b) The county-by-county voter registration figures in the Commission's first report were largely gathered and supplied by the Council. The figures for Texas, for example, were derived from a special survey commissioned by the Council.

(c) The Council has briefed the Commission's investigators on many of their Southern assignments, has advised them on the selection of counties for special-purpose studies, and has supplied them with the names of knowledgeable local persons in the areas under study or investigation.

(13) The Council has maintained a similar relationship with the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice. Among the services requested and rendered have been the supplying of background information and contacts in troubled situations, conferences with the Division staff in Washington, and liaison between the Division and local Negro leadership in difficult areas of the South. On occasion, the Division has asked the Council to survey a specific situation, in order that the Department of Justice might be able to determine whether an official investigation was warranted. On the basis of such a field study by the Council, conducted in McCormick County, S.C., the Department of Justice ordered a review of registration records there. Shortly afterward, the first Negroes in years were permitted to register and vote in the county.

(14) The Council has more than once been asked to assist the State Department and other government agencies in the handling of delicate foreign-visitor problems. One such instance concerned a visit to the South by a high-ranking Nigerian official who had expressed a determination to "test" segregation in Atlanta. Careful advance planning averted the international incident feared by State Department officials. The Council has also supplied special information to the USIA and its overseas offices, or to overseas embassies. The latest request of this kind came from Rhodesia, where U. S. representatives had been asked for case material on interracial efforts in this country.

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Day in and day out, the Council achieves its greatest effectiveness through the influence of its materials and staff services in a host of problem areas. There is no adequate way to document this, but with apologies for the essentially "testimonial" approach, we append some of the comments and excerpts from letters that have bolstered our own belief in the Council's effectiveness:

"The Council in my judgment serves two important functions that no other agency in the region is capable of. It remains a rallying point for moderate white Southern opinion, and keeps open essential channels of communication between the races... It also provides an indispensable source of factual information on every aspect of the race problem; the Council's resources have prevented many a distortion in the local and national press, helped correct many that did find their way into print."-- Letter by Harry S. Ashmore, editor, Arkansas Gazette.- (

"I can't begin to thank you for the kindnesses and help you gave me ten days ago. Thanks to you, a bunch of then inchoate impressions I had fell into place and continued to stay that way for the rest of the trip.... There and elsewhere through the South your name was an open sesame." -- Letter by Alfred W. Friendly, managing editor, Washington Post and Times-Herald.

"(The Council" fills a unique place... I think you can well understand that in a region where there is so much sound and fury it is necessary to have some organization which, year in and year out, can assemble the facts and keep them before the public." -- Letter by Ralph McGill, editor, Atlanta Constitution.

"Your organization has been of great service throughout this civil rights debate. It is true that you, as a private organization, have provided more information and more facts concerning the voting situation than has the Department of Justice." -- Letter by Senator Paul H. Douglas.

"Thank you so much for the copies of 'The Negro Voter in the South' which you recently sent us. As you probably know... It has created considerable interest on the Hill, and our copies are all now in heavy use." -- Letter by Charles A. Goodrum, Legislative Reference Librarian, The Library of Congress.

"We find this report (The Student Protest Movement) very interesting and the Commission-has requested that we order an additional twelve copies [to supplement order for 200] for distribution throughout the state." -- William N. Rose, Staff Assistant for Governor's Commission on Race Relations. State of Florida.

"You deserve hearty congratulations for your study 'If The Schools Are Closed' from what I read of it in Time Magazine. As a member of an education committee in Savannah, I have had much difficulty attempting to persuade people that private schools are not the answer..." -- Lowell Goodhue, Goodhue Companies, Savannah, Georgia.

"The information presented in this bulletin ('If The Schools Are Closed') needs the attention of Superintendents and Boards of Education throughout the South. I need seven additional copies to meet our needs in Mobile -- five for the Board, one for our Assistant Superintendent in Charge of Pupil Personnel and one for our attorney." -- Cranford H. Burns, Superintendent, Mobile, Alabama, Public Schools.

"Your study ('If The Schools Are Closed') will make it possible to implant, among the thinking men of our community, many new thoughts on this question of private schools." -- Stewart Carlton, Dean of Boys, Vero Beach, Florida, High School.

"Please send us ten (10) copies of your recent publication, 'If The Schools Are Closed'..." -- Thomas A. Carrere, Acting Superintendent, Charleston, S.C., Public Schools.

"I seem to have in my file Reports #L- 6,8,9, and 10, but am short on the first 5 and report #7. If you have these copies available, I would appreciate it if you will forward same to me." -- R. L. Lacy, Division Superintendent, Halifax, Virginia, County Public Schools.

"It would be appreciated if you would send.... 'Racial Violence and Law Enforcement;'..." -- E. Wilson Purdy, Chief of Police, St. Petersburg, Florida.

"I should very much like to remain on your mailing list." -- James L. Hanry, Executive Vice-President, Wichita Falls, Texas, Chamber of Commerce.

"You are to be commended for the very splendid services you are performing for the South and for our schools." -- J. Lyle Hill, Superintendent, McAllen, Texas, Public Schools.

"Please send us 30 copies of the report, 'To Florida Leaders in Civic, Religious and Business Affairs,'..." Albert R. Gibson, Executive Manager, Statesboro and Bulloch County, Georgia, Chamber of Commerce.

"...the Associated Press Broadcasters asked us for suggestions with regard to press coverage in race relations. We forwarded to them the material in our files which we received from you. They found this of enormous help and plan to draw up their own statement using that material as the principal source... Further, your information on desegregation of variety stores was of real value in the negotiations in Miami. We continue to be in debt for the excellent cooperation of your organization." -- Saul A. Silverman, Staff Assistant, State of Florida, Fowler Commission on Race Relations.

"I Wish to distribute a copy of this report (L-14, 'A Report From Virginia') to each member of our School Board." -- Fendall R. Ellis, Superintendent, Charlottesville, Virginia, Public Schools.

"The purpose of this letter is to let you know of the existance of our group and also to see if we might seek your valuable advice and counsel from time to time." -- Glenn F. Webb, Manager, Laurinburg (N.C.), Chamber of Commerce.

"PLEASE SEND ONE DOZEN COPIES 'SCHOOL DESEGREGATION: THE FIRST SIX YEARS' IMMEDIATELY.""-- James F. Redmond, Superintendent Orleans Parish School Board. New Orleans, La.

"Please send me copies of your reports on the recent lunch counter "sit-in" demonstrations." -- Jack Elam, City Attorney, Greensboro, N.C.

"I would like to have copies of your Special Reports on the student sit-in demonstrations." -- J. Delmas Escoe, Assistant Counsel, United States Senate, Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights.

"I would like to send a copy of this article (on Biracial convention facilities) ... to each of the thirteen members of the Executive Council of the Southern Historical Association, since it is the executive counsil which decides on a site for the annual convention." -- August Meier, Department of History, Morgan State College, Baltimore, Md.

"After reading ('Racial Violence and Law Enforcement') carefully, I believe we should quietly provide a copy to each member of City Council, the City Manager, the Chief of Police, to members of the School Board in this area, the Sheriff, the Chiefs of Police in several smaller cities in the area, and a couple of other concerned officials." -- Talbot Patrick, Editor and Publisher, the Evening Herald, Rock Hill, S. C.

"We owe you another vote of thanks for an excellent research job." -- Mrs. Gretchen Conduitte, Community Relations Librarian, Jacksonville (Florida), Free Public Library.

"I wish to obtain a copy of your pamphlet, 'Racial Violence and Law Enforcement,'" -- C. B. Crutchfield, Field Commander, Department of Public Safety, Division of Kentucky State Police, Frankfort, Ky.

"Thanks to the Tampa Police Department, I have recently... read...'Racial Violence and Law Enforcement.' This is truly a most timely and well presented piece... I would like to request two copies... One for my own library and one which I should like to present to the Chief of Police here in St. Petersburg." -- R. A. LaCouture, Chairman, Department of Police Administration and Public Safety, St. Petersburg (Florida), Junior College.

"May I congratulate you very sincerely on your very excellent report, 'The Federal Executive and Civil Rights.' This is precisely the type of document I have been attempting to have our Commission prepare for the new President. I am sure it will be most useful to the new administration." -- (Rev.) Theodore M. Hesburgh, Commission on Civil Rights, President, University of Notre Dame.

"(The SRC report on school desegregation for 1960-61) is, indeed, an interesting and informative report and I am most grateful to you for sending me a copy." -- W. Henry Oliver, Superintendent of City Schools, Nashville 3, Tennessee.

February 13, 1961

Dr. LeRoy A. Martin
President
University of Chattanooga
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Dr. Martin:

We are pleased to send you the requested six copies of our Report L-23. You will note that there are a few changes.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

February 13, 1961

Miss Ivis Calvet
Managing Editor
Interracial Review
20 Vesey Street
New York 7, N. Y.

Dear Miss Calvet:

You have our permission to reprint in full or in part our Report L-23, "Desegregation in Higher Education." On the enclosed copy you will note several changes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

February 13, 1961

Mrs. Sally Sharat
26 Alpine Street
Cambridge 38, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Sharat:

We are pleased to send you the requested copy of our report, The Federal Executive and Civil Rights, for use of the local CORE group.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

MAILED SEPARATELY
1 copy: The Federal Executive and Civil Rights

February 13, 1961

Mr. Robert Gaffney
447 Prospect Street
East Orange, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Gaffney:

We are mailing you today, under separate cover, some materials which may be helpful to you in your research.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
Student Protest: 3 special reports
School Desegregation: the First Six Years
A Report on School Desegregation, 1960-61

February 13, 1961

Miss Patricia Army
123 Ft. Pleasant Avenue
Springfield 8, Mass.

Dear Miss Army:

We are mailing you today, under separate cover, some publications which may be helpful to you in writing your term paper.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
The Student Protest, Winter 1960
School Desegregation for 1960-61
School Desegregation: the first six years
The Negro and the Ballot in the South
Fleming, "A Southern View of the South"
New South, Jan. 1961 "The South & Civil Disobedience"
Jan. 1960 "Religion's Role in Desegregation"
June 1960 "The South's Potential & Responsibility"
Dec. 1959 "The Citizen's Responsibility"

February 13, 1961

Miss Shirley Willis
70 Chase Street
Newton Centre 59
Massachusetts

Dear Miss Willis:

Your letter of February 4 caught us in a very busy week and I sent you one publication last week, with a note to give it more thought and send additional material this week. I am mailing you today, under separate cover, several things which may give you some background material.

Most of the leading magazines have had articles during the past year. A recent one that you might find of interest is the Saturday Review, G. W. Foster, "1960: Turning Point for Desegregation?" If your library has Phylon and The Journal of Negro Education, you would find many items of interest in these publications.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
New South, Jan. 61, "TheSouth and Civil Disobedience"
Jan. 60, "Religion's Role in Desegregation"
Oct. 59, summary of voting report
McMillan, Racial Violence and Law Enforcement

February 13, 1961

Major C. B. Crutchfield
Field Commander
Department of Public Safety
Division of Kentucky State Police
New State Office Building
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Major Crutchfield:

We are pleased to send you the requested copy of our recent publication, Racial Violence and Law Enforcement.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosure

February 13, 1961

Mrs. Alfred Lexow
610 N. 19th Avenue
Hollywood, Florida

Dear Mrs. Lexow:

I tried today to get in touch with Mrs. Owens to find out more about the program of the Workshop at Avon Park. I failed to get her but will call again in the morning. In the meantime, Miss French has written to me that you told her someone would pick us up in Orlanda. I wrote her that I would be leaving here at 1:45 p.m. on the 21st on Eastern Air Lines Flight 701, arriving in Orlando at 4:40 p.m. and would spend the night in a hotel. I would like to know who is going to pick us up so I can let them know where to find us.

I do hope this time you will have more Jews and [illegible] hope some Catholics in the Workshop group.

I offered to mimeograph the programs for Mrs. Owens but guess she decided to have them done herself. We will send the check for two hundred dollars to Mrs. Owens. Wish it might be more but that is all we have to share with the states.

Best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

February 13, 1961

Mrs. R. T. Hollis
Holsey-Cobb Institute
Cordele, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Hollis:

I regret that I was out of town when your letter came Friday, I regret also that I have an engagement for February 17, and will be unable to be in Cordele. At this late date, I am sorry I cannot suggest to you anyone who would be free to be your speaker on the 17th.

I do hope you will be successful in organizing a Council of United Church Women in Cordele. South Georgia certainly needs to have more units of this organization.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

February 13, 1961

Mr. Richard L. Warren
Indian Springs School
Route 1
Helena, Alabama

Dear Mr. Warren:

Thank you for your interest and your letter of February 10. Enclosed is a listing of our materials which may be of interest to you. We do not have an index to NEW SOUTH, but we do have most of the issues available. A few are now out of stock.

If we can be of additional aid in supplying materials, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

February 13, 1961

Mr. Lewis Roebuck
11014 Waxwing
Houston 35, Texas

Dear Mr. Roebuck:

Enclosed is a listing of our materials. If any of these items are of interest, we will be glad to supply you with the needed copies.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

February 13, 1961

Miss Emma Jane Roode
Box 186
New Knoxville, Ohio

Dear Miss Roode:

Enclosed is a listing of our materials. Please indicate which ones would be of interest to you for your project and we will be glad to fill your order.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

February 13, 1961

Miss Virginia Provence
306 E. Eakin Street
Blacksburg, Virginia

Dear Miss Provence:

I am sorry, but we do not have copies of the two books you mentioned. I am certain if you cannot find these in your local book store you could obtain copies by writing the publishers.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

February 13, 1961

Miss Marjorie Goodson
General Board of Christian Social
Concerns
The Methodist Church
740 Rush Street
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Miss Goodson:

This is to acknowledge your letter of February 8, advising me of the change in the Louisville program. I have changed the date on my calendar accordingly to March 22.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 14, 1961

Dr. Haywood N. Hill, M.D.
Lowance Clinic
46 Fifth Street, N.E.
Atlanta 8, Georgia

Dear Dr. Hill:

Thank you for your prompt reply to my request for a copy of your talk and for your permission to reprint it in NEW SOUTH. We think it is excellent as it is and expect to reprint it in full in the March issue of NEW SOUTH. In addition, we will make available a number of reprints for our "notable addresses series." If you have need for additional copies of the talk, we will be glad to supply you with any you may need.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

February 14, 1961

Rev. William O. Byrd, Pastor
First Methodist Church
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Byrd:

Rev. James M. Howard of Fort Pierce, Florida suggested we might be interested in reprinting your sermon in the February issue of THE PULPIT. Dr. Haselden, at Rev. Howard's request, has sent us a copy of it. As we have written Dr. Haselden, we indeed are interested in reprinting the sermon. If this is aggreeable to you please let us know at your earliest convenience as we hope to use this in the March issue of NEW SOUTH.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

February 14, 1961

Mr. Howard N. Meyer
76 Tarence Street
Rockville Centry, New York

Dear Mr. Meyer:

Our subscription clerk for NEW SOUTH informs me that she mailed you some back issues of NEW SOUTH. We cannot understand why you failed to receive them. However, she is mailing you an additional selection of back issues. Please let me know whether these are received or not.

Subscribers to NEW SOUTH do not automatically receive a copy of the "Executive" report. However, I have turned your letter over to the research department which has handled distribution of this particular item. Your request will probably be filled as soon as the research department has sufficient copies on hand.

The research department will also handle your request concerning information on teacher desegregation, and I am certain you will be hearing from them in the next few days.

We do appreciate your interest in the Council's work and regret the seemingly difficult time you are having in receiving the back issues.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

February 14, 1961

Mr. H. J. Labatte
Community Services Secretary
The National Council of Young Men's Christian
  Associations of Canada
15 Spadina Road
Toronto 4, Ontario

Dear Mr. Labatte:

We are sorry but the publication, "Your Community Looks at Itself," is out of print.

If we can be of service in any other manner, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

February 14, 1961

Miss Helena Bailie
Executive Secretary
Broward Council on Human Relations
1701 New River Land, S. W.
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Dear Miss Bailie:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, the fifteen copies of "Racial Violence and Law Enforcement" which you requested. If you have need from time to time for specific copies of NEW SOUTH in quantity let me know, and since your organization is a branch of the Florida Council we will endeavor to give you special rates.

With best wishes to you in your work.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

February 14, 1961

Mr. Kyle Haselden, Editor
The PULPIT
407 S. Dearborn Street
Chicago 5, Illinois

Dear Mr. Haselden:

Thank you for your reply to the Rev. James M. Howard's request to send us a copy of Rev. Byrd's sermon. We hope to reprint it in the next issue of NEW SOUTH if this is agreeable to Rev. Byrd.

Again thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

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MEMORANDUM February 14, 1961

To: Members of the Executive Committee

From: Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant - SRC

Re: Next Meeting of the Executive Committee.

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Wednesday, April 19th has been selected as the date of the next Executive Committee meeting. We have attempted to select a convenient date well in advance since the next meeting promises to be a most important one and we are anxious to have maximum attendance.

The meeting will be held in the SRC conference room on the usual schedule; beginning at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m.

A card is enclosed for your convenience. We hope you will put this date on your calendar and make every effort to be present on April 19th.

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February 14, 1961

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: MA and EW

FROM: LWD

MA: Please enter a subscription to the Washington Post, daily and Sunday; remember that we already have the Sunday issue on ~~board~~. Mdes.

EW: The Post should be clipped for the following ONLY:

1) editorials,
2) features,
3) news coverage of interest to SRC regarding the federal government.

I suggest you ask MM to read and mark the Post.

February 14, 1961

Dr. Horace Dawson, Jr.
Assistant Professor of English
North Carolina College
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Dawson:

The News and Information Service of the State University of Iowa has sent me a copy of its press release regarding your doctoral dissertation on the attitudes of foreign students toward racial segregation in the United States. This is a subject of great interest to us and we were very glad to learn of your work. We are pleased, also, that you are now in the South and if we may ever be of service to you please let us know.

It might interest you to know that about 250 foreign visitors a year come through this office. We have many opportunities to observe the truth of your findings.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
CC: News & Information Service
State University of Iowa

February 14, 1961

Mr. J. O. Thomas
Georgia Conference on Education Opportunities
P. O. Box 4844
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Enclosed is an estimated budget for an eight-state study similar to Georgia's Divided Education. This has been prepared pursuant to your recent request.

As you well know, many factors enter into the final cost of the project and it is extremely difficult to estimate costs until one actually begin to plan the work. The project also can be tailored to varying degrees of comprehensiveness; I am sure that a good bit more than is indicated on the enclosure could be spent on this project and it possibly could be done for less.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosure
Suggested Budget for 8-State Study

February 14, 1961

Mr. John McKenzie
Higgins-McArthur Company
302 Hayden, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear John:

This is to confirm the order placed with you yesterday for 12,000 copies of "This I Believe," by Heywood N. Hill. 6,200 copies are to be inserted as middle pages in the March issue of *New South*; the remaining 5,800 copies are to be delivered to us as leaflets.

The form is to be in the *Notable Addresses* series, a sample of which was given to you. Appropriate page numbers are to be put on the *New South* inserts; pages of the leaflets are not to be numbered. The Union Bug is to go on the bottom of the last page. Any color stock except blue and white may be recommended, and you will submit samples both for the *New South* inserts and the leaflet.

We would be pleased to receive copies of the leaflet before the March *New South* is delivered, if this is possible.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
CC: Dr. Hill

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February 14, 1961

Mr. John H. Wheeler
President
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

On the matter of a present for Dr. Clement, I have checked with Mrs. Comer and find that two things are badly needed in Dr. Clement's office: a desk lamp and a desk pen. Of the two, Mrs. Comer feels that a pen is most needed and would be appreciated.

Therefore, if this is satisfactory with you, we will go ahead and select an appropriate pen and have it engraved.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

February 14, 1961

Mrs. D. R. Kinney
OPEN, Inc.
P. O. Box 16406, Southeast Station
Baton Rouge, La.

Dear Mrs. Kinney:

Although I do not know of any recent articles directly pertaining to the subject of your letter of February 8 (instances of desegregation with little or no violence), the enclosed materials will provide documentation showing violence to have been minimal indeed when contrasted to instances of peaceful desegregation.

As you will see from the Southern School News table "Segregation-Desegregation Status," 770 districts are known to have desegregated since 1954; in only 11 of them has there been intimidation or violence of a serious nature (i.e., serious enough in most cases to have resulted in property damage or temporary disruption of either education or the desegregation process). These 11 include:

Hoxie, Arkansas
Clinton, Tennessee
Sturgis, Kentucky
Clay, Kentucky
Mansfield, Texas
Baltimore, Maryland
Milford, Delaware
White Surphur Springs, W. Va.
Nashville, Tenn.
Little Rock, Ark.
New Orleans, La.

(See "South Marks First Year Without Violence," from Southern School News, for detail on these and a few lesser incidents.)

However, in only 4 localities has there been really spectacular violence: Clinton, Little Rock, Nashville (night-time dynamiting of school; mob action minimal), and New Orleans. So, depending upon what is termed "violence," desegregation with little or no violence can be said to have occurred in 759 out of 770 desegregated districts (or, if only the four more spectacular ~~stitutions~~ are counted, in 766 out of 770 desegregated districts). Situations

C-on orig.

Several items which may provide useful sidelights are also enclosed.

Please do not hesitate to call on us if we may be of future help.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

Enclosures:
SSN items cited above
L-12, Districts Voluntarily Desegregating
"School Desegregation: The First Six Years"
Background Report on School Desegregation, Fall 1960

February 15, 1961

Mr. James F. Walker
Friends World Committee
152-A North 15th Street
Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Walker:

The invitation to participate in the National Conference of Friends is greatly appreciated, and it is a matter of real regret for me that I cannot accept. I am committed for the dates of the Conference, indeed for virtually the whole month of June.

I should have liked to come in any case, but all the more so in view of a note about the meeting which I received the other day from Frank Loescher. If there is any other way in which the Southern Regional Council can be of assistance to the Conference Committee, I hope you will call on us.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 15, 1961

Mr. Frank Loescher
United States-South Africa Leader
Exchange Program, Inc.
101 South 39th Street
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

Thanks for your note about the National Conference of Friends on Race Relations. I received the invitation from James Walker, but with keen regret I am having to decline. For reasons that I will be explaining to you soon, I simply can't accept any further obligations in June.

I would have been disappointed in any case not to be able to say yes, but I am doubly so since you are chairman of the Planning Committee.

My best regards, as always.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 15, 1961

Mr. Irving Panken
National Field Secretary
Jewish Labor Committee
25 East 78th Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Mr. Panken:

Thanks for your welcome letter of February 8. I am glad to know that you found your Southern trip encouraging. There is a great deal to justify an optimistic view, and I shall look forward to hearing more about the progress of JLC in stimulating leadership in this field among Southern unions.

Our report on The Federal Executive and Civil Rights is a relatively expensive document, and consequently our supply is somewhat limited. I am enclosing one copy with our compliments and would be delighted to have you make use of its contents in any way you think useful.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

February 15, 1961

Mr. Sebastian Sommer
Development Officer
St. Andrews Presbyterian College
Laurinburg, North Carolina

Dear See:

It was a pleasure to hear from you after so long a time. I'd like very much to hear what you're up to these days, and how the new career is progressing. If circumstances should bring you to Atlanta, don't fail to let me know. Our offices are more convenient now -- directly across the street from the Journal-Constitution.

Sigma Delta Chi isn't what it used to be, since you've left and McKinsey and I have slacked off in our attendance. You may be interested to know, if you don't already, that the Chapter now has a Negro member -- a teacher of Journalism at the Negro state college in Savannah. Though I wasn't present, I understand he showed up for the first time at last night's meeting, had a few drinks but couldn't stay for dinner because of another appointment. So far, not a ripple. It just goes to show that things can change!

My very best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P.S. -- You are lucky to have Henry RRuark AS pastor, he's a very good man.

Separate mailing: 20 copies of "The Federal Executive..."
via Parcel Post

February 15, 1961

Mr. Don Slaiman
Assistant Director
Department of Civil Rights
A. F. L. - C. I. O.
815 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Don:

Thanks for your kind words about our report on the President and civil rights. Although we have only a limited number of copies, certainly we would attach very high priority to the members of the Civil Rights Committee. I am sending you separately twenty (20) copies for that distribution.

I would like nothing better than to have lunch with you and Hyman Bookbinder when I am next in Washington. As far as I can see now, however, it doesn't look very promising. I am scheduled to speak on March 3 at a Howard University luncheon, and it is unlikely that I will be there for lunch on the 2nd or 4th. But there should be some free time on Friday, the 3rd, if you two are going to be available, for us to get together over a drink or otherwise. In any case, as soon as I know my travel schedule definitely I will be in touch with you again.

Meanwhile, very best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 15, 1961

Dr. Paul H. Morrill
President
Park College
Parkville, Missouri

Dear Dr. Morrill:

Thank you for informing us that Park College has a non-racial admissions policy. We are pleased to know about this, and will add Park College to our current list.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

via air mail   February 15, 1961

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
American Jewish Committee
165 East 56th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Ed:

You may recall our telpphone conversation concerning the suit against the Mississippi Sovereignty Commission seeking to enjoin payment of state funds to the Citizens Councils.

It has taken me a while to get hold of a copy of the pleadings, enclosed.

TThe The young lawyer who brought the suit and is pressing it as a matter of personal conviction (despite loss of the two labor plaintiffs) is William L. Higgs, 707 N. Congress Street (Tel. FL. 3-5166), Jackson. He is a graduate of the Harvard Law School and has been practicing in Jackson since 1958. He is a native of Greenville, Miss., a friend and former school mate of Hodding Carter, III. Hodding the elder called me recently to say that Higgs needs money to carry the case to the Supreme Court; no large sum apparently. Hodding said that "$1,000 would go a long way toward meeting the need," and that he himself was planning to contribute something.

I haven't talked to Hodding further about this since his call three weeks or so ago; and I haven't talked to Higgs at all. If you know of possible contributors, I should think we would want to check the situation again before contributions are actually sent.

I am also doing what I can to interest a prospective donor or two who are not wedded absolutely to tax-exempt giving.

I have spoken to Harry Fleischman about the matter and will appreciate your sharing this information with him.

Thanks, and best regards,

As ever,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. -- From Paul Rilling's latest report, I take it AJC and SRC are working together satisfactorily on the problem of the S. C. "Turks."

HCF

February 15, 1961

The Rev. William K. Williams
Florida Council on Human Relations
4241 S. W. 109th Court
Miami 55, Florida

Dear Bill:

Thank you for the copy of your 1960 summary of the human relations picture in Florida. We found it most useful here and hope that it will become an annual project of the Council. Dan Bowers did the same kind of thing in Virginia this year and we hope the other state Councils will want to consider similar efforts. What use did you make of the report? Was it released to the press?

Your statement concerning the assigning of seven Negroes to class with whites at the junior college in Dade County was new information to me. Are there just two of these public junior colleges in Dade County? What are their names?

We look forward to seeing you here next week.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

February 15, 1961

Dr. W. C. Cowart
Georgia Council on Human Relations
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Cowart:

I have your statement of receipts and disbursements for the year October 1, 1959-September 30, 1960. We have discussed this statement with the auditor. We have indicated to him that we shall require a fuller audit containing a balance sheet of assets and liabilities and formally signed by him. He indicates this requirement can be completed with relatively little cost and work.

We will accept this statement of receipts and disbursements as an indication that your audit is in progress, but we would appreciate the additional documents in due course.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Enclosure

February 15, 1961

Mrs. Theodore Ledeen
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Heresy!

Dear Libby:

We are sending on some information concerning the situation at the University of Georgia.

I think the best persons who might be qualified to interpret the situation in person to some of your faculty members and student leaders would be Mr. James Popewich who was a leading figure in the faculty response and Mr. Corky King, director of the Westminister Foundation at the University.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm
Enclosures

February 15, 1961

MEMORANDUM: DR. COWARD, Mrs. Pauley

From: Paul Rilling

I am taking the liberty of inviting both of you to attend the state staff conference in our conference room February 23 and 24th. I hope that both of you will find it possible to come. I know that the other state directors will be looking forward to seeing Dr. Covart again and to hearing his report as to the progress of the Georgia Council last year. I feel too that it would be helpful to Mrs. Pauley as the future director of the Council to have the benefit of contact with the other state directors.

I am also going to indicate to Mr. Boyte that he would be welcome to attend the meeting. This meeting is customarily intended only for the directors of state Councils but I think that the new director of the Atlanta Council would benefit from the discussions and would not add any additional costs to the expenses connected with the meeting.

PMR/sm

February 15, 1961

The Rev. Gene Ethridge
Westminster Fellowship
Mississippi State University
State College, Mississippi

Dear Gene:

Father Foley has probably mentioned to you that we are holding a meeting of directors of state councils here February 23 and 24. If you have determined definitely to accept the Alabama offer as of June, we would be very pleased to have you attend this meeting at our expense. I think it would be helpful to you to have this opportunity of meeting the other state directors and discussing with them their programs.

If you can come, I would be happy to have you consider coming on the 22nd so that the two of us can have some time together to consider the Alabama situation and to let you see our operation here in some detail. Let me know immediately if you can come so that we can make arrangements.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm
Enclosures

February 15, 1961

The Rev. Caxton Doggett
Winter Park Methodist Church
P. O. Box 825
Winter Park, Florida

Dear Mr. Doggett:

We are mailing you today the requested 50 copies of our Report L-22, a reprint of the report of the Fowler Commission on Race Relations. We wish you every success in your efforts to set up such a committee in your area. Incidentally, you may find the enclosed "Recommended Approach" (also from the Fowler Commission) helpful.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

COPY

February 15, 1961

Miss Marie Turner
American Friends Service Committee
160 North 15th Street
Philadelphia 2, Pa.

Dear Miss Turner:

We will have additional copies of the requested The Federal Executive and Civil Rights this coming Friday, the 17th, and will mail them to you on that date. Due to the unprecedented requests for copies, we had to have this publication re-printed, by off-set. There is a charge of .35¢ each on quantity orders; .50¢ each for single copies. A bill is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

February 15, 1961

Mr. Edward F. Kennell
Executive Director
The Albany Inter-Racial Council
2 North Lark Street
Albany, New York

Dear Mr. Kennell:

We are mailing you today the requested copy of our recent report, The Federal Executive and Civil Rights; the cost is fifty cents.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
  1 copy, FE&CR

February 15, 1961

via air mail

San Juan Hotel
Orlando, Florida

Gentlemen:

Please reserve a single room with bath for Mrs. M. E. Tilly, and Miss Eleanor French for Tuesday, February 21. They will arrive in Orlando at 4:40 p.m.

Please wire confirmation collect.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to Mrs. Tilly

/lec

February 15, 1961

Circulation Department
THE WASHINGTON POST
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

We are now receiving the Washington Post by subscription for Sunday only; we would like to receive it daily and Sunday. Will you please bill us for one year in advance, from this date, deducting the amount paid in advance for the Sunday only?

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

COPY

February 15, 1961

Mr. Douglas Rogers
4717 Camden Avenue
Pennsauken 8, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Rogers:

In reply to your letter of Feb. 8, to the best of our knowledge segregation in private colleges is not required by law in any of the Southern states; however, certain measures do exist in some Deep South states which discourage desegregation. (Mississippi is the only state about which there is some question as to the existance of laws actually forbidding desegregation in private colleges; we do not have conclusive information for this state. You may wish to write to the State Board of Education in Jackson for their comment.)

In Georgia, for an example of the type of measure which discourages but does not forbid, the legislature "may" revoke the tax exempt status of private colleges which do not observe segregation.

In South Carolina desegregation inprivate colleges has been said to be not against state law, but "against public policy." (See the enclosed clipping from Southern School News concerning an instance of desegregation and its aftermath.)

A report on desegregation in previously white public and private colleges is enclosed. Such desegregation as exists in private colleges in Georgia is in previously all-Negro schools and does not appear in this report.

In regard to your second question, state segregation laws are not thought in any case to distinguish between graduate and undergraduate levels. Some colleges, however, have desegregated graduate levels exclusively; others have begun desegregation with graduate classes and later extended the policy to undergraduate classes.

We are happy to know our materials have been of use to you.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

Enc- SSN clip
L-23

February 15, 1961

Mr. George McMillan
Box 299
Aiken, South Carolina

Dear George:

Keep in mind that we want this to be an essay which will point to the typical problems surrounding college desegregation, particularly in the deep South; and that will offer some comment on how experience and intelligence suggest~~s~~ that these problems be met.

You will hang the discussion on the Athens incident, and, I understand, contemplate a minimum of 6,000-7,000 words (this ought to be also about the optimum). Your suggestion that about half of this be narrative, half comment (or interpretation,or conclusion) is good, though you are entirely free as to whether the comment follow or be woven into the narrative or both.

Remember that the problem is, "How to desegregate successfully." Here are, pedantically stated, some issues which would seem pertinent:

Attitude (hostile, friendly, or resigned) of administration.
Efforts by administration to influence, one way or the other, faculty and student opinion and conduct.
Counselling given by university officials to the Negro students (their likely problems, desirable conduct, etc.
Rules and arrangements (e.g. housing and feeding of Negro students, social affairs, restrictions on protests by white students, etc.)
Policies and attitudes of governing body (You are writing about a state university; its Board of Regents is less free to determine policies than is the Board of Trustees of a private university: the whole state government gets involved. Maybe this is a point you can develop.)

Handling of relationship with town press, outside groups.
(Alumni too, if you can get anything on that; e.g. how has the alumni magazine reported the change and later developments?)

Role of faculty; of student government; student newspaper; student clubs; fraternities and sororities.

The above isn't meant to be a prescription; you know what the objective is, and you'll know how to handle it: these are only some questions which seem interesting to me.

You should, I think, go to Athens; I would hope your visit could be held to one day, two at the most. As I told you, we can't be of help in setting up interviews. A couple of suggestions: Mrs. Beverly Downing, 395 Hampton Court, telephone LI 8-1010, Athens, is state president of HOPE; W. H. Benson, Benson's Bakery; both might be good informants, and might be able to steer you to campus contacts. Mrs. Tilly is an old family friend of Dean Tate; would you like for her to write?

We would like to think of this for publication in early Spring.

Good to have you on board again.

Sincerely,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Enclosures: 1 Proposal
1 "Operating Budgets and Income Forecast - 1961"

February 15, 1961

Mr. Sol Markoff, Director
New York Foundation, Inc.
61 Broadway
New York 6, New York

Dear Sol:

I hope it is timely and appropriate for us to submit the enclosed request for a 1961 grant. I had serious doubts about asking again for $10,000 in the absence of an opportunity to talk with you. Of course, as before, we will be grateful for a lesser amount, if that is the Foundation's decision.

I have an uncomfortable feeling that it must seem monotonous to receive another annual request from the same familiar quarter. Perhaps the good press, in New York and elsewhere, received by our report to the President will cause your Trustees to feel that there is fresh effort afoot and in prospect. We have been pleased by the reception the report has had so far in the new Administration.

Until we get together again, soon I hope, my very best regards to you and to John Heyman.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

A REQUEST
TO THE NEW YORK FOUNDATION, INC.
FROM THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

February 14, 1961

This is to request the New York Foundation's consideration of a grant of $10,000 in support of the central program of the Southern Regional Council during 1961.

We are sensitive to the fact that the Foundation's assistance in recent years represents an unusual degree of confidence in our efforts. We are not only profoundly grateful, but anxious not to presume upon a relationship that we value most highly. This request for renewed support is not submitted routinely, but with confidence that it will be considered on the merits of the Council and its role in the months to come.

In addition to its continuing functions, the Council in 1961 must give high priority to two major developments which will basically affect race relations: the coming of desegregation to the heart of the deep South, and the approach of the new national Administration to civil rights.

In New Orleans, Jacksonville, Atlanta, and elsewhere in the deep South, the advent of the student "sit-in" movement has created new pressures and tensions, psychological and economic. These developments are certain to continue and spread. As a result, the Council's functions of public interpretation and consultation with community leaders have taken on added and urgent importance. There is and will continue to be a great need for the services of the Council in these troubled communities, where a broad range of skills and materials must be brought to bear.

During the past year the Council's materials interpreting the student protest movement and analysing the instances of successful negotiation have been used in a number of the more "moderate" areas. In several instances in North Carolina and Tennessee, public officials requested Council materials and consultants as they sought means of resolving difficulties. In Florida, the Governor's Commission on Race Relations distributed Council reports to over 200 community leaders throughout the state; our staff members worked closely with the commission and in several Florida communities. These experiences and skills must now be drawn upon and expanded to meet the difficult period ahead when the challenges to the old order are sure to reach into every part of the region.

The first court-ordered school desegregation in the deep South, in New Orleans, has attracted national attention and concern, and is still far from resolved. In this situation, intimidation and mob action go far beyond the immediate issues involved; they threaten the basic values of our society. Here the Council must continue to seek support for courageous individuals in the pioneering role, while prodding the established leadership of the community to maintain order and reason.

The Council has been active on these various levels in New Orleans with services ranging from detailed assistance to the save-the-school groups to bringing into that city consultants such as the director of the Little Rock Chamber of Commerce and the former superintendent of the Norfolk, Virginia public schools. The Council was approached by responsible private leadership in New Orleans with the request that we quietly coordinate citizen efforts in that situation. Regrettably, the request and the ensuing cooperation came after the tragic course of events was all but inevitable.

As the new Administration begins to function in Washington, the Council is giving high priority to the role of national leadership. We have long worked closely with the Federal agencies charged with civil rights responsibilities. In the months ahead, we foresee many more requests for such advice and cooperation. It is equally important for the Council to make the best recommendations it can for greater effectiveness of the Executive Branch in the civil rights field. As the leading Southern organization of its kind, the Council has a unique obligation to exert a positive and helpful influence on the planning of the President in this field.

As a first step, the Council prepared a report on The Federal Executive and Civil Rights. This document has been transmitted to President Kennedy, appropriate members of his staff, and agency heads. We are encouraged by the reception of these recommendations thus far, in the press and in the new Administration.

Quite apart from this special effort, we hope that the Council will have unprecedented opportunities in 1961 to work in detail with the new Administration in whatever approaches to racial problems it may adopt.

In order to carry out these and other essential efforts, the Council must raise for general operations approximately $75,000 from uncommitted sources. A copy of the Council's operating budgets and income forecast is enclosed. The 1960 audit, which has been delayed by the illness of the Secretary-Treasurer, will be forwarded shortly.

We express once again the gratitude of the Council's policy leadership and staff for the New York Foundation's generous assistance in the past. It is our hope that the periodic reports and other communications from the Council convey something of the challenge and excitement of the work which the Foundation has helped make possible.

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via air mail   February 15, 1961

,   Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
New World Foundation
475 Riverside Drive
New York, New York

Dear Vernon:

Supplementing our request of February 8, I am happy to send the enclosed additional copies of the Operating Budgets and Income Forecasts, as requested.

The 1960 audit should be available very shortly, and at that time I shall see that six copies of it are sent to you.

We are most grateful for your prompt attention to the Council's request.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
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February 15, 1961

Mr. Bruce L. Felknor
Executive Director
Fair Campaign Practices Committee, Inc.
45 East 65th Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Mr. Felknor:

We have talked a bit among ourselves about the problem of inadequate reporting from the South which you raised in your recent letter.

I take it you have made some effort to establish the same kind of procedures in the South as you envision for the rest of the country. It seems to us,that, in a good many of the Southern states at least, this wouldn't be impossible. Southern political scientists and their students, political reporters, and clergymen in the South should be no less amenable to the plan than those elsewhere. Of course, I readily recognize the difficulty of making any such voluntary network function efficiently.

One other alternative would be to enlist the cooperation of the various human relations organizations that carry on staffed programs in the South. I am enclosing a working list of such organizations, these being the groups with which the Southern Regional Council has had occasion to interact. In addition, there are state councils on human relations, each with a full-time director, in eight of the Southern states. Although these groups are independent, the Southern Regional Council is their parent body and still provides them with some financial support. We will have the state staff persons together in this office for a meeting next week. At that time, we will explore with them the possibility of their cooperating with the Fair Campaign Practices Committee in the sort of reporting project which you describe. I will let you know their reactions.

If you have in mind other specific methods on which our advice would be helpful, don't hesitate to call on me.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - (List of Interagency Groups)

February 16, 1961

Mr. Ira C. Robinson
Chairman
Great Southeast Region, USNSA
Florida A. & M. University
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Robinson:

Dick Rettig of NSA asked me to write you concerning possible meeting places in Georgia and Florida. This is a difficult assignment.

The only places we know for certain in Florida and Georgia are Negro colleges, and of course you might be familiar with them. Paul Rilling, of our staff, tells me that some of the religious foundations have held one day, interracial meetings at the University of Florida. I don't know whether they would accommodate persons over night.

Penn Community Center ar Frogmore, South Carolina, which is on St. Helena Island, accommodates meetings of this type, including meeting place, sleeping facilities and eating facilities. Of course, it is out of your general area but it is quite close to Georgia. It is an excellent place for a meeting of this sort in my opinion.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

February 16, 1961

Mr. J. J. Cordell
Superintendent of Schools
Albany, Georgia

Dear Mr. Cordell:

In response to your telephone request of this morning, enclosed is some material concerning the Council and some samples of our materials. Also included is a list of our board members.

If we can be of additional aid, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Encls.

Changing South
Short History of SRC
South and the Nation
Desegregation: First 6 years
L-22

February 16, 1961

Mrs Harry S. Jones
Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
Room 301, 121 East Third Street
Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Harry:

After consulting with Harold, we have decided we could let you have the January NEW SOUTH at cost which would come to about eight cents per copy.

However, we do not have 850 spare copies. We could let you have about 500 if this would be of any benefit.

If this is not satisfactory , you, of course, could distribute it through mimeograph copies. Let me know your decision.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

February 16, 1961

Miss Pauline D. Ucci
Social Studies Teacher
Darien High School
Darien, Connecticut

Dear Miss Ucci:

Enclosed is a listing of some of our materials. If any of these would be of aid to you, please let us know the number desited.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

February 16, 1961

Mrs. C. H. Owens
492 N. E. 160 Street
Miami, Florida

Dear Mrs. Owens:

Enclosed is the check for $200.00 for the Workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned for the state of Florida.

I hope you will have more Jews than usual and some Catholics. I will be at the San Juan Hotel Wednesday morning the 22nd. I do not know who is to pick me up.

Here's hoping we have a great session at Lake Byrd Lodge Inn.

With best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Encl. (check No. 2793)

February 16, 1961

Mrs. James S. Crate
8510 Ferris Street
Houston 35, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

Thank you so much for sending me the recent programs from Brotherhood Week and the annual meeting of the Texas Council. The Brotherhood Week service seems to have been a very fine interfaith effort and it is good to see that you are carrying forward the useful activities of the Houston Commission on Interracial Cooperation and of the Texas Council.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

February 16, 1961

Father Albert Foley
Spring Hill College
Mobile, Alabama

Dear Father Foley:

I was saddened and disappointed to learn that Gene Ethridge had after all declined the Alabama position. The only available possibilities that come to my mind at present are as follows:

1. The Rev. Heslip Lee, Springfield Baptist Church, Springfield, Virginia. A native of Georgia, Mr. Lee has indicated a strong interest in getting into this kind of work. He was strongly considered for the Georgia position, but decided against it and has subsequently indicated his regret for so doing. I would consider him a well qualified and competent man for the position. I doubt that he would be as interested in moving to Alabama as back to Georgia, but I would suggest that either you or I communicate with him about the possibility.

2. The Rev. Norman C. Jimerson, 102 Prince George Avenue, Hopewell, Virginia. Mr. Jimerson is currently a prison chaplain at Ft. Lee, Virginia. I have mentioned him to you before. He has not yet sent his biography, but Dan Bowers tells me he continues to be actively interested.

We will continue to explore other possibilities as we come across them.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

Enc - Lee Biog.

February 16, 1961

Mrs. George Dumbauld
Houston Council on Human Relations
3605 Fannin Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Dumbauld:

I have heard nothing from the Houston Council in recent weeks and we are anxious to know how your program is coming along.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

MEMORANDUM February 16, 1961

To: Ben Muse, LWD
From: Paul Rilling

Re: Birmingham contact

Richard Shapiro of the ADL, who has been working intensively in Birmingham, tells me that Mr. B. A. Monagham is a receptive contact and I am suggesting that Ben might want to contact him the next time he is in that area. I am also suggesting that he should be put on the all purpose mailing list instead of the blue ribbon business one/

PMR/sm

February 16, 1961

Mrs. John Hitch
Knoxville Area Human Relations Council
P. O. Box 1011
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Hitch:

Congratulations on your recent appointment to the important position of director of the Knoxville Area Human Relations Council. We have enjoyed our cooperative contacts with Galen Martin and look forward to working with you. We are putting you on our mailing list for our materials and publications and will probably be calling on you from to time for insights and interpretations of developments in Knoxville.

I hope you will let me know if we can ever be of service to you in your program.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

February 16, 1961

Mr. John Edmunds
4038 Land o' Lakes Drive, N.E.
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Dear John:

I have heard several good reports of the progress that your study group is making at the Oglethorpe Presbyterian Church. I am enclosing a copy of an outline we are using for a seminar which I am coordinating at the Quaker House. As the course develops I will also send you the bibliography we are using in case it might touch on some of the matters you will be considering in your group.

Let me know if we can be of any help.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm
Enclosure

February 16, 1961

Mrs. Theodore Ledeen
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Libby:

We are sending on some information concerning the situation at the University of Georgia.

I think the best persons who might be qualified to interpret the situation in person to some of your faculty members and student leaders would be Mr. James Popovich, (Department of Speech and Drama) who was a leading figure in the faculty response, and Mr. Corky King, director of the Westminster Foundation at the University.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Enc.

February 16, 1961

Miss Katherine Jones
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

I am enclosing a copy of a clipping which we noted in the Chattanooga Times recently. Mr. Thompson seems to be a fairly outstanding young man whom you might well keep track of.

You might want to write him, send him some materials and indicate interest in his activities and future plans.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

February 17, 1961

Mr. Leonard Brickman
Robert F. Wagner Youth and Adult Center
1940 East Tremont Avenue
Bronx 62, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Brickman:

The best source for the information you request in your recent letter is the Statistical Summary "Status of School Segregation-Desegregation in the Southern and Border States," published by Southern Educating Reporting Service, P. O. Box 6156, Acklen Station, Nashville 12, Tennessee. The Summary contains listings of school districts desegregated in each of the Southern states; in most instances it will be possible to determine which districts encompass cities and then, by checking Census or any more recent population data to which you have access, you will be able to determine which cities of over 100,000 population have desegregated schools. The amount of desegregation within districts is also indicated by the Summary for many, but unfortunately not all, of the states.

Under separate cover we are forwarding materials concerning the process and other circumstances of desegregation in several larger cities.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM:A

Desegregation in Baltimore City Schools
School Desegregation: the first six years
Louisville Story
Action Patterns in School Desegregation
Report on School Desegregation for 1960-61
Truth About Desegregation in Washington's Schools
Report L-12

February 17, 1961

Miss Athalie Lindler
Board of Christian Education
Presbyterian Church in the United States
Presbyterian Building
8th North 6th Street
Richmond 9, Virginia

Dear Miss Lindler:

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter concerning photos for Presbyterian Youth. Unfortunately, I have been unable to turn up anything which might be of any great help to you.

The only suggestion I have is that you might write Mr. Edward King, secretary, Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, 197½ Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. King may be able to give you the names of people in different localities who would supply you with the photos you need.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

February 17, 1961

Mrs. Norma Krause Herzfeld
811 Hyde Road
Silver Spring, Maryland

Dear Mrs. Herzfeld:

Thank you for your letter. We are mailing you a copy of the publication, under separate cover.

If we can be of additional aid, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

February 17, 1961

Dr. Claude Thompson
Chandler School of Theology
Emory University
Atlanta 22, Georgia

Dear Dr. Thompson:

Thank you very much for the contribution of the quote. I agree it is excellent and will probably use it in a future issue.

Again thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

February 17, 1961

Mr. Ira Kaye
Attorney
120 North Main Street
Sumter, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Kaye:

I have just heard the good news of your important success from Ken Morland. We are extremely gratified to learn that the Turks will be granted their constitutional rights without further litigation.

Alice Spearman has kept me informed from time to time of your tireless efforts in this situation. You should feel a considerable sense of pride in an important job successfully completed.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

February 17, 1961

Mrs. Nettie Young Jones
c/o C. D. Sweeney
350 Norwood Place
Merritt Island, Florida

Dear Mrs. Jones:

I must confess that as of the moment I have no specific interesting work to suggest for you. This is quite frustrating to me since I am sure there are a number of situations if I could but find them.

I am continuing to explore the possibilities and will keep in touch with you.

We will be happy to talk to you in more detail here, but of course, I hesitate to suggest that you drive up to see us so long as the possibilities remain vague.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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New South, Sept. '59, "A Fresh Look at Race Relations" Bowles
Dec. '59, "A Citizen's Responsibility" Wright
Jan. '60, "Religion's Role in Desegregation" Campbell

February 17, 1961

Mr. Joseph A. Morrow
St. Bernard's Seminary
2260 Lake Avenue
Rochester 12, New York

Dear Mr. Morrow:

We are mailing you today, under separate cover, some materials which will (we hope) be useful in helping to a better understanding of race relations in the South. For answers to some of the questions you posed, note "Problem for the Entire Country" in the December 1957 issue of New South, and the abbreviated and less technical version of the Report mentioned, Emotional Aspects of School Desegregation. In a number of the writings which are being sent you will find comments on why Southerners react the way they do.

It is good to know that you are planning to come South, and that you wish to be prepared to face the problems as they exist here.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
- Emotional Aspects of School Desegregation
- Collins, The South and the Nation
- Dabbs, The Tragic Fellowship of Southerners
- Tarplee, The Church in Areas of Racial Tension
- School Desegregation: the first six years
- Price, The Negro and the Ballot
- A Report on School Desegregation for 1960-61
- The Student Protest Movement, Winter 1960
- Report L-22
- New South, Dec. '57, "The Race Dilemma" by Ashmore
  "The Moderate" by Williams

February 17, 1961

Yale Law Journal
Yale University
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sirs:

We would like to receive a copy of "Benign Quotas--A Plan for Integrated Private Housing," which appeared in your November, 1960 issue. If you have reprints available, please send us one and bill us. If there are no reprints, we would like a copy of the Journal.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

February 17, 1961

The Mayor's Friendly Relations Committee
105 City Hall
Cincinnati 2, Ohio

Dear Sirs:

We would like very much to receive a copy of your supply (as noted in your December Newsletter or Report) of the NAIRO address by Dr. Robert C. Weaver, "The Changing Status of Racial Groups."

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

February 17, 1961

The Society for Applied Anthropology
Cornell University
Ithaca, New York

Dear Sirs:

Please send us Monograph No. 2, Minority group and class status as related to social and personality factors in scholastic achievement, by Martin Deutsch. Our check for $1.50 is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

February 17, 1961

Dr. Daniel C. Thompson
Professor of Sociology
Dillard University
New Orleans 22, La.

Dear Professor Thompson:

I hear from Dr. Dent that you may be willing to help us in documenting some of the costs to New Orleans of the school crisis. I am very glad that you feel you may be able to do so.

As I wrote to Dr. Dent earlier, we do not have in mind a scholarly survey or analysis at this time. All that we really need is a collection of documented facts that might be presented in very short paragraphs with the necessary minimum of comment; the facts, in other words, speak for themselves.

Please let me know if you can do this.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

CC: Dr. Dent

February 17, 1961

Mr. Joe Dennis, Jr.
1102 Eighth St.
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Dear Joe Dennis:

I have not been able to find a copy of Brady's Black Monday on the news stands here, and we do not have one. However, you might be able to get a copy by writing to The Citizens' Council, 813 Plaza Building, Jackson, Mississippi. I am enclosing a thermafax copy of some of their "recommended literature". We have ordered one copy each of some items, for our files, but do not have any on hand.

Good luck with your study and discussion group.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

P.S. I am mailing you under separate cover a recent study of the Virginia private schools; your group may be interested in reading this.

Enclosures: Revised "Student Protest Movement"
Westfeldt's "Settling a Sit-in"
~~Morland's Report on sit-ins~~
~~Price Report on sit-ins~~
L reports "Negro Buying Power" #19
"Problem Solving Through Race Relations Committees" #20

February 17, 1961

Professor August Meier
Morgan State College
Coldspring and Hillen Road
Baltimore 12, Maryland

Dear Professor Meier:

I, too, am glad we had a chance to discuss our mutual interests recently, and I do hope you will keep me informed about your progress on both fronts.

As you requested, I am enclosing a copy of "The Student Protest Movement" and one or two other publications on the subject that you may not have seen. These are sent with our compliments.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

February 17, 1961

The Citizens' Council
813 Plaza Building
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Sirs:

Please send us the publications listed below; our check is enclosed:

1-A, Strength Through Unity, Barnett	.25
2-A, The Voice of the South Must Be Heard	.25
3-A, The Challenge to the South and How It Must Be Met, Perez	.25
5-A, Segregation and the South, Brady	.25
7-A, Segregation--An American Custom, Simmons	.25
8-A, The South's Just Cause, Caskey	.25
3-D, How to Keep Schools Open	.10
3-E, Equality Versus Liberty: The Eternal Conflict, Pittman	.25
4-E, Integration by Default, Pitman	.25
5-E, The Law of the Land, Pitman	.25
2-F, Educational Fund of the Citizens' Councils	.10
3-F, Winning Essays	.25
5-F, The Eight Ifs...And Your Answer!	free
2-G, Pro-Communist Record of Robert C. Weaver	.10
5-G, The NAACP Legislative Scoreboard	.10
6-G, Southern Conference Educational Fund Folder	.10
2-H, Interstate Migration of Native White and Non-white Population	.25
2-J, The Age of Error, Michael	3.50
3-K, The Mankind Quarterly	4.00 per year

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

February 17, 1961

Mr. Stephen R. Currier
The Taconic Foundation, Inc.
666 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Stephen:

Here are brief memos on two of the matters we touched on but never really discussed when I was in New York. I have one more, which I will probably be writing you about shortly.

I am looking forward to seeing you again soon.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

MEMORANDUM February 17, 1961

To: Mr. Stephen R. Currier
Taconic Foundation, Inc.

From: Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director, SRC

Re: THE PROPOSED MISSISSIPPI PROJECT.

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Thanks for your willingness to consider this one yet again; whatever the decision, I will regard it as final.

There is no point in repeating the details of the original proposal, which you have. The only new ingredient is a commitment of $15,000 - $17,000 (from liquidation of a trust fund), if Gen Cox can secure otherwise $40,000 for a four-year period. He is prepared to operate on a $10,000 annual budget. The new funds would be applied on the project for an additional two-year period of operation.

Conceding that this modest effort isn't going to change the face of Mississippi, it should be considered in somewhat the same light as the state councils on human relations elsewhere. It would provide during the next six years a full-time person who knows Mississippi, understands the problems of that benighted state, and would keep in close touch with developments and people within it. Mississippi has been relatively quiet -- the quiet of the graveyard -- but racial crises will surely come, perhaps sooner than we think. The wretched situation in Fayette and Haywood Counties, Tenn., (really an extension of Mississippi) is a portent.

The eruptions in Mississippi will be unlike those we are most accustomed to, since they will occur mainly in rural and small-town settings in the Black Belt. We are going to need someone badly who knows the terrain and is in touch with local people who can be of some use. Accurate, first-hand information alone will be at a premium, if for no other purpose, as a basis for advocating appropriate Federal action.

We have time and again been asked by civil rights investigators (from the Commission on Civil Rights and Department of Justice) for names of whites and Negroes in trouble areas who will furnish reliable information. When Mississippi gets convulsed by the pressures for change, we will be hard put to meet such requests without someone like Cox on the job. Moreover, we will be trying to diagnose these situations on the basis of poor newspaper accounts or ad hoc investigations by inexperienced persons.

Cox, as I have pointed out before, is not a polished, sophisticated intergrouper. But his personal commitment is deep and unshakeable, he knows the rural South as few people do, and he can get information and acceptance where most workers in this field would fail utterly.

The payoff on this investment might come slowly and might never be as clear or tangible as we could wish. Yet I have a hunch that occasions may arise when we will rejoice that Mississippi wasn't left unmanned.

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

MEMORANDUM February 17, 1961

To: Mr. Stephen R. Currier

From: Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director, SRC

Re: SOS, NEW ORLEANS.

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Starting late last spring, SOS (Save Our Schools) was organized to do the kind of work in New Orleans that HOPE has carried on here, in a much shorter period, of course.

Throughout the New Orleans crisis, SOS has carried on an energetic program. It has carried on an educational campaign through publications, advertisements, and public meetings. Its representatives have met repeatedly with the mayor, police chief, school board, and New Orleans legislative delegation, to urge constructive actions.

Members of SOS had a lot to do with breaking the segregationist boycott of the two affected schools. At some hazard, SOS members drove the white children through the boycott lines to William Franz School. They have been limited in this activity because of the location of the schools in areas where SOS-type parents simply aren't found. But they are continuing to talk with white parents in the area, urging them to return their children to the schools.

After months of activity at a high level, SOS is broke. They are seeking $5,000 to carry on during 1961. Since SOS has no paid staff (Mrs. Mary Sand and several other officers volunteer full time), all funds would go directly into program expenses. They hope to expand their operation to other cities of Louisiana and would devote some $3,000 to this effort, the remainder being used for continuing program in New Orleans.

SOS has raised on its own approximately $5,000 to date, but local fund-raising comes harder as the stalemate continues and the crisis becomes commonplace. Although we haven't discussed this with the SOS leaders, I feel reasonably certain that a contribution could be made through a channel like that used in the case of HOPE.

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Encls: Jules Cohen's summary on "Tax Exemption and Private Intergroup Relations Agencies"

Theodore Leskes (AJCttee.) memo on ...Proposed Regulations of the Internal Revenue Service... dtd. March 12, 1959

Wall Street Journal article "Tax Crackdown" dtd: December 9, 1958

National Social Welfare Assembly - Committee on Tax Policy - "New Regulations on Section 501 of Internal Revenue Code" - March 2, 1959.

SRC Publications List (mimeographed)

February 17, 1961

Mr. James A. Smith
Augustine, Smith & Warren
Attorneys at Law
1470 N. Claiborne Avenue
New Orleans 16, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Smith:

Enclosed is the Jules Cohen memorandum on tax-exemption and several other pieces of information on this subject which may be of some value to you. Also enclosed is a recent listing of SRC publications.

Thank you for your kind words about the Council's work.

If we can be of additional help, please call on us.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures - 4.

February 17, 1961

Mr. John H. Wheeler
President
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

There is some feeling that the gift to Dr. Clement should be one from the full Council. Others feel it should be a gift subscribed by staff and members of the Executive Committee.

I see no way of resolving this until the next meeting of the Executive Committee. Therefore, I am returning your $5.00.

In the meantime we will secure the gift and have it available on April 19th. Mrs. Comer has promised to do everything possible to see that Dr. Clement is present.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - ($5.00; in cash)

February 17, 1961

Mr. Gordon Tiffany
3117 - 35th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Gordon:

I was delighted to receive your letter of February 11 and appreciate warmly your kind words about my recent notoriety.

Your letter was all the more welcome, since I have wanted to write you and to send you a copy of our report, The Federal Executive and Civil Rights. This gives me a chance to do so, and to tell you how much I have enjoyed and appreciated our association over these past few years. I hope your new undertakings will be as satisfying as the last one must have been.

We recently wrote for, and just received, a copy of your parting statement. I hope it fell on receptive ears.

As far as I know now, my March 3 visit to Washington will be a one-day stand (no White House invitation!), so I won't be able to take you up on your hospitable offer. I do hope that on later occasions, if not this one, we will be seeing one another. Meanwhile, my very best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Enclosure - 1.

February 17, 1961

Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.
Ebenezer Baptist Church
407 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Martin:

Thanks so much for your letter of February 13, and for your thoughtfulness in sending me a reprint of your Nation article. It is a clear and forceful statement and couldn't be more timely. Needless to say, we are gratified that Dan Pollitt's study has proved so useful.

Between your whirlwind schedule and my own complications, I despair of the prospect of our seeing one another as often as I should like. But I do hope we will manage it soon.

Meanwhile, all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

P. S. -- To my unpleasant surprise, I can find no record here of our having sent you the final version of our report on "The Federal Executive and Civil Rights." I am enclosing a copy.

February 20, 1961

Mrs. Ruth Kent
Women's Director, WSB-TV
1601 West Peachtree, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Kent:

Following our conversation, I would like to give you a little more information, so I am enclosing the program and the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi. The prayer card will be given to the women along with the program.

I begin the service by explaining how "Our Facade of Brotherhood" came to be and what we hope will come out of it, taking only a few minutes. Then I will introduce you, and you will take over with silent prayer and introduction of your panel. This all should take until about 11:45, followed by the buzz session, discussion and summary. At the end you will ask everyone to rise and pray the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

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Encls. (2)

February 20, 1961

Reverend Robert D. Nicholson
Minister of Education
Calvary Presbyterian Church
Jackson and Fillmore Streets
San Francisco 15, California

Dear Mr. Nicholson:

Your recent letter was most welcome, and your kind words about the work of the Southern Regional Council were warmly appreciated.

I am happy to send you the enclosed copy of our report "The Federal Executive and Civil Rights." In addition to the encouraging reception in the press, the report has had widespread attention within the new administration. We share your hope that President Kennedy will raise a new standard of leadership in the troubled area of civil rights.

I am sorry that we failed to register your change of address; that has been remedied, and we are mailing you separately copies of the New South issues since last October. You will also receive copies of our other materials issued from time to time.

Bob Hughes, the young Methodist minister who headed the Alabama Council on Human Relations, emerged from his ordeal with full honor. After he spent a weekend in jail, the local prosecutor withdrew the subpoena requiring Bob to produce his membership and contributors' lists. Instead, he was required to tell the Grand Jury only what he himself said to the New York Times reporter, which he cheerfully did. Bob has since accepted appointment as a missionary to Southern Rhodesia -- a long-held ambition which reasons of health had prevented his realizing previously. We are hoping that the Alabama Council will find an able replacement.

At your suggestion, we are sending material about SRC and New South to the Rev. Leslie Eugene Ellison of Winters, Texas. Thank you for this suggestion.

Fortunately, SRC has not been wholly dependent on any one source of funds. It is true that the Fund for the Republic, which was a major supporter for several years, has ceased to make grants for any purpose. The resulting gap in our budget is a large one, and it takes some struggling every year to fill it. Currently, we are having to seek a total of some $75,000 from new sources in order to maintain our program through 1961 at its current level.

The size of our budget and the nature of the organization mean that we must rely heavily on foundations for support. But individual contributions of whatever size are valuable and appreciated. If you know of persons or groups in that area who would be interested in the work of SRC, your good offices will be highly valued.

With kindest regards and good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. ("The Federal Executive...")

February 20, 1961

Mr. George E. Barrett
Nashville Community Relations Conference
216 Third Avenue, North
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear George:

Sad to say, we haven't had a chance to take on the question of the national theater chains. On the strength of your letter, however, I am raising the matter with some of the national agencies that should have some information. I will let you know what results.

I am happy to enclose a copy of our report to the President.

What do you hear from Washington?

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

February 20, 1961

Lieutenant P. P. Woodson
Personnel and Training Officer
Department of Public Safety
City of Richmond
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Lieutenant Woodson:

We are pleased that you feel our publication "Racial Violence and Law Enforcement," by George McMillan is a useful piece of work. You may be interested to know that many other law enforcement officials in the South have requested copies, and the Atlanta Police Force is using the report in its training program for all of the city's 800 policemen.

I am sending you separately twelve (12) copies of the booklet, without charge, for use with your staff officers.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 20, 1961

NEA Publications-Sales Section
Research Division
National Education Association of
the United States
1201 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Please send us ten copies of your 1961 report, Rankings of the States, at .50 per copy with 20% discount = $4.00. Our check is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Enclosure: check

February 20, 1961

Mr. Elmer Blackston
Chairman, Speakers Bureau
Negro American Labor Council
217 West 125 Street
New York 27, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Blackston:

We are mailing you today (separately) the requested two copies of The Federal Executive and Civil Rights. Additional copies may be ordered at .50 each; .35 each if ordered in quantity.

A list of our pamphlets and reports is also enclosed, for your information.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Enclosures:
New South, January 1961
Publications list
Mailed separately:
2 - Federal Executive and Civil Rights

February 20, 1961

Professor Joseph Boromé
Department of History
The City College
New York 31, N. Y.

Dear Professor Boromé:

Our annual report is not released for general mailing; we are sending you several publications, under separate cover. We do not maintain a general mailing list. If you would care to subscribe to our monthly publication (New South, enclosed) you will receive from it notice of all our publications and can order any which particularly appeal to you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

MAILED SEPARATELY:
New South, January 1961
Desegregation: the first six years
McMillan, Racial Violence and Law Enforcement

February 21, 1961

Professor Donald Dewey
Department of Economics
Columbia University
New York 27, N. Y.

Dear Professor Dewey:

Good things do not necessarily come in large packages. "Some Economic Costs of Discrimination in Southern Industry" is written with skill and authority. After careful reading, I do, however, believe that you will want to look it over again yourself before it is published. I have made some more or less technical revisions on the manuscript itself (all of which invite your reaction), and shall indicate below several more substantive questions. But principally, I think there is need for more explicit development of the main point; viz., that discrimination is costly to the South or, as you put it in a phrase on page 11, "this slow progress is not good enough for the South." I don't mean that this has to be documented with detailed research; I do sense a need for a paragraph, or perhaps several, which will say, with the authority of your scholarship, that discrimination is not only hurtful to the Negroes but to the regional economy. Your approach is that Southern wealth is held down by the low per capita incomes of Negroes; I believe that all that is required is that this fact and its consequences be somewhat more spelled out toward the end of the article inorder to fulfill thepromise of the first paragraph, of a showing that discrimination "makes the American economy less efficient."

I know well and sympathetically your problems of time, and we do not expect or desire any heavy work on this. I take heart from your stated willingness to do a "little more qualification, elaboration, and polishing," and hope that you can find time to give it a final work-over. If you can, we shall be delighted to publish it (though at the moment we are not clear as to the best form).

The other questions which occur to me:

4, first paragraph--What of Florida? Are Arizona and Nevada good comparisons? don't too much of their wealth depend on on retirement income, tourists, and Nevada's peculiar institutions? Why not a simple statement affirming that the South has abundant natural resources? (After all, against Pennsylvania's coal and Minnesota's iron, there is the oil of Texas and Louisiana--as well as the oil of Oklahoma and the coal of West Virginia.)

4, second paragraph--"They are prevented from doing so, etc." This is a key point, if not the key point. It is offered, however, without demonstration or discussion.

7, line 21--can the sentence be continued as follows: "... better jobs in the South, and there has been little narrowing of the gap between white and Negro income."

With very best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosure:
Manuscript, thermafax copy

February 21, 1961

Oklahoma Commission on Human Relations
c/o Executive Chambers
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sirs:

We would be most appreciative if you would pub us on your mailing list to receive any materials put out by the Commission. We would also like to have any materials describing the Commission, detailing your plans, etc.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

February 21, 1961

Mr. Galen Martin
Director
Kentucky Commission on Human Relations
311 Capitol Building
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Galen:

We would be most appreciative if you would put us on your mailing list to receive any materials put out by the Commission. We would also like to have any materials describing the Commission, detailing your plans, etc.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

February 21, 1961

Mr. Harry B. Merican
5415 Connecticut Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Merican:

Thank you for your kind letter of February 20. We are most pleased that the Federal Executive and Civil Rights has your approbation. It was a most interesting job to do and we believe that it is playing a role in the discussions and planning of the new administration.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

February 21, 1961

Professor Elliott Rudwick
Southern Illinois University
East St. Louis Residence Center
East St. Louis, Illinois

Dear Professor Rudwick:

Thank you for your letter of February 13. I shall look forward to hearing from you again after Mrs. Moon has advised you.

I am not sure, however, about printing the tables in New South. There is no clear space in New South until May; although there is an outside chance of space in April, but probably not enough to take care of the tables. What I would like is your permission to reproduce the tables in the form of an L-Report, either mimeographed or offset.

You mentioned the tables from "Negro Police Employment in the Urban South." What we are interested in are tables 1 and 2 from that article; moreover, if we could work out the space--which is not certain--I would like to use the table from "The Southern Negro Policeman and the White Offender." I don't think table 3 from the first article is as important for our purposes and I would not propose to use it unless the Journal was cutting it out; in that case I would want to cooperate with you in getting it into circulation.

I have another query, though a most tentative one. You have now done three interesting articles on Negro police in the South--which is, besides being of current importance, a traditional interest of the Council's. What would you think of our trying to do a condensation of the three for printing in New South? The condensation would, of course, be submitted to you for approval. I say that this query is tentative because even if you agreed, I could not be sure until I investigated that we would be able to do it. The problem would be to find someone with the time and ability to do the job; I simply could not take it on myself. But if you will let me know your reaction, I shall look into it. The article would, of course, have your by-line, and if we did this I would hope that you might accept from us a small honorarium.

The above query has nothing to do with our interest in your tables, which we would like to bring out just as soon as you give us permission.

I don't have any advise to offer about financial help for your book on the East St. Louis race riot of 1917. I shall, however, make inquiries and if I hear of any leads I shall let you know.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

February 21, 1961

Office of the District Commissioners
District Building
Pennsylvania Avenue & 14th Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

A recent newsletter of Congressman James C. Davis was based upon "an official report just made to Congress by the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia."

If you have a copy available, we should like very much to receive this report.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

February 21, 1961

Congressman James C. Davis
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Davis:

We have seen in the DeKalb New Era of February 16 your Washington newsletter regarding "the City of Washington is in trouble." If you have another copy of your newsletter, we would like to have a copy.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

February 21, 1961

Mr. George McMillan
Box 299
Aiken, South Carolina

Dear George:

You will have to use your own judgment regarding Bill Collins. I find him an unsatisfactory person. His name is "~~Horace~~" Morris--I think his initials are M.W.H.

I assume you prefer to do this rather than have Mrs. Tilly write to Dean Tate. Or you could write to Tate and say that you were doing so at the suggestion of Mrs. Tilly; I am sure she would not mind. I am not recommending this; merely indicating the alternative. Frankly, my guess would be that you would do just as well going in cold. But this is up to you.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

February 21, 1961

The Rev. A. D. Pinckney
Plymouth Congregational Church
1626 West Chestnut
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Pinckney:

Thank you very much for your program and financial reports of the last quarter of 1960. I am enclosing the Kentucky Council's check for that period.

I am not sure that I reminded you that the Southern Regional Council is now requiring an annual audit of each state Council. We follow this procedure ourselves and feel that it is good protection for the Council as well as good business sense. A copy of this audit will be required before any of the 1961 allotments are mailed, or else a statement from each Council that such an audit is in progress.

I enjoyed very much getting acquainted with you on my recent visit to Kentucky. I hope you will find it possible to have your workshop for consultants on merit employment fairly soon. Let me know whenever we can be of help to you.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm
Enclosure

February 22, 1961

Mr. John McKenzie
Higgins-McArthur Company
302 Hayden Street N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear John:

Please increase our order for "This I Believe" by Heywood Hill by 1,000 copies; in other words, we desire a total of 13,000 with 6,800 delivered as single fold leaflets and the remainder inserted in New South.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

via air mail February 22, 1961

Mr. Frank Loescher
U.S.-South Africa Leader Exchange
Program
101 S. 39th Street
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

I talked to John Morris this morning, and he has pursued the question of where the Russells might stay between here and St. Petersburg. He was successful in arranging accommodations if they choose to stay over in Tallahassee, It's possible to drive straight through from Atlanta to St. Petersburg, though it's a grueling trip.

Let me also acknowledge your letter of February 13 concerning the impending visit of Dr. Potgieter. We have been, as usual, somewhat swamped lately, but will be writing him and you soon about his visit here. Naturally, I will be delighted to meet him, and our official arranger, Paul Anthony, will assist with his program.

My best regards,

As ever,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 22, 1961

Dr. Mary Ellen Goodman
12511 Old Oaks Drive
Houston 24, Texas

Dear Mrs. Goodman:

Last week we mailed out your private school report to the list of "informers" etc. which you had (much) earlier sent us; two have been returned, marked "no' such office in state." I am wondering if you would like to check these addresses against your original notations to see if there might be an error, or if there is a better address.

Mr. James W. Kilby, Happy Creek, Va.
Mr. C. W. Hansberger, President, Front Royal Educational Foundation, Glen Echo, Va.

Enclosed is a card which came to this office today.

We were all so very glad to get your report mailed out, because there was such a great need for it.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright

February 22, 1961

Mr. Don Slaiman
Department of Civil Rights
A.F.L.- C.I.O.
815 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Don:

As far as we can learn, John Thompson has moved from New Orleans to San Francisco, where he is presumably still working for Wa~~h~~lgreen. Wa~~h~~lgreen's role in this whole matter, of course, has been clouded in obscurity and pretty clearly timid and fearful.

It now appears that I will, after all, be in Washington on Saturday, March 4. If you and Hy Bookbinder are still available for luncheon on Saturday, I would be happy to get together. Not having made a hotel reservation, I don't know how you can reach me..Therefore, let's leave it that I will call you or see you some time on the third.

Until then, best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 22, 1961

Dr. John J. O'Connor, Chairman
National Catholic Conference for Interracial
    Justice
5115 Moorland Lane
Bethesda 14, Maryland

Dear John:

Your letter of February 18 is welcome.

The Southern Interagency Conference is an informal group of agency staff members working in the field of human relations in the South. For several years now these professionals, representing most of the agencies shown on the attached list, have convened about four times a year to share ideas and program plans. The group has no formal structure and takes no action that is binding on the individuals or the agencies with which they are connected; in short, it's a clearing house rather than an organization. At the request of the participants, SRC serves as convener and secretariat for these meetings, which are generally here in Atlanta.

I am sure that a representative of the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice would be more than welcome as a regular participant, or if that is impossible, as an occasional visitor. I will see that your name is added to the mailing list for minutes and notices of the meetings.

This question of coordination is a difficult one, and I can't claim to know the final answer. The Southern Interagency group is certainly one way to help meet the problem, and NAIRO and the other coordinating interagency groups can also do a part of the job in their own normal functioning. Maybe this kind of piece meal coordination is the best solution we can achieve.

As for information, I needn't say that the Council will be glad to supply any information that will be helpful to you and your associates in considering the problems of the South.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Interagency list)

February 22, 1961

Mr. Will Allred
Apartment 107-C
Bernard Street
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Will:

It's good to have news of you, and I am glad to furnish the further information you requested. Enclosed is a copy of Dr. Hancock's upus about the role of Dr. Odum at the Richmond meeting. As you will see, it reflects Hancock's strong feelings about this meeting and its participants, though I have no reason to doubt the substantive accuracy of his account.

George Mitchell's address is Glencoe, Argyll, Scotland. I don't know whether or not you are informed of the sad physical and mental deterioration which George has suffered within the past year or so; arteriosclerosis, which has affected the brain. I doubt seriously that it's possible at this point to elicit any clear information from him. Fred Routh is at the Michigan State Fair Employment Practices Commission, 900 Cadillac Square Building, Detroit 26, Michigan. Fortunately, at last report Fred is in possession of all his faculties and can be counted on to respond to any request fully and articulately.

I am sorry to hear that the prospect of a Ph.D. has disappeared, but I congratulate you on the serious thought you have given to the implications of this for your M.A. thesis. Your reasoning strikes me as sound and fully justified. Let me repeat again our offer to assist you in every possible way in making this a definitive treatment of SRC during the years you are covering.

The very best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Hancock article on Odum)

February 22, 1961

Dr. A. Dudley Ward
General Board of Christian Social
    Concerns - The Methodist Church
740 Rush Street
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Dudley:

No apologies are necessary; I have enough problems of the same sort to understand the difficulties with which you are confronted. There is no bar to my participating in the Louisville meeting on Thursday morning, March 23. I look forward to seeing you at that time.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 22, 1961

Reverend Roberts Bailey
Grace Church
431 East Washington Street
Gainesville, Georgia

Dear Mr. Bailey:

Thank you for your thoughtful and well-reasoned letter of February 17.

Let me say, first of all, that Mr. Wright's views as expressed in his article are not necessarily to be construed as the official position of New South. The purpose of New South is to serve as a medium for information and opinions that the Council staff feels are timely, interesting, and worthy of consideration by the readers. For example, in recent months we have published an article by Mr. A. M. Secrest of the Cheraw (S.C.) Chronicle advancing his notions about the need for "moderation"; more recently, we have published Colbert Cartwright's article in which he argues that "moderation" in some forms is more dangerous than outright reaction. My point is not that we are repudiating Mr. Wright's views, but only that we are not foreclosing discussion of a question that can be honestly debated by people who agree on the end to be sought.

This leads me to my second point: would you be willing to set forth your own views on this question in article form for New South, or alternatively would you consent to the publication of your letter to me? If you are willing to do this, our notion would be to ask Mr. Wright to make any further comments in surrebuttal that he might wish. This would serve the very useful purpose of airing in New South a thoughtful dialogue between to committed Southerners who differ as to method.

I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of this letter and yours of February 17 to Mr. Wright for his information. I shall look forward with anticipation to your reply.

I don't mean to evade your request that I give you my own views -- merely to expedite the New South matter. Briefly stated, my view is that each particular situation in which non-violent protest may be used requires a separate act of ethical judgment. In the case of Mr. Sprayberry's cafeteria, though I think your questions provoke thoughtful consideration, I don't think I can concur in the view that Mr. Sprayberry should enjoy any immunity from the ethical and moral questions which confront our society. All of us may at some time have to bear the consequences of our own actions and practices, which may not be determined wholly by our own uninfluenced decisions. At a later and more convenient moment, I should like to formulate my views with proper care, and at that time I will be writing you again.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: Mr. Marion A. Wright (with copy of Bailey's ltr)

February 22, 1961

Mr. & Mrs. Seth Glickenhaus
100 Dorchester Road
Scarsdale, New York

Dear Sarah & Seth:

You were awfully kind to write me that heartwarming letter and to enclose a further generous contribution to the Council.

We were pleased too with the good press treatment that our report received, not only in New York and Washington, but throughout the South as well. It's still not clear what course the Kennedy administration will take in civil rights, although some of the appointments are very encouraging indeed. We get further hope from the number of requests for copies of our report that have come to us from the various Federal agencies during the last few weeks. This suggests that our recommendations are at least being read and considered.

May I turn the tables and say that Seth's role in the difficult New Rochelle situation makes me proud to know you two. In some ways, I think it's harder to be wise and effective in a controversy like that than it is down here where the issue is likely to be so much more clear cut.

We have been delighted, as I know you have, at Marion's successful operation and speedy convalescence. This is a relief for her friends as well as her family.

I hope we will see you in these parts soon. Meanwhile, thanks for your friendship and very best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Official receipt)

February 23, 1961

Mr. Robert J. Greene
The American Jewish Committee
Room 805, Continental Building
1012 - 14th Street, N. W.
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Bob:

I am more embarrassed and apologetic than I can say about the goof in our handling of your confidential report. This was entirely the result of my own carelessness. My chagrin is all the greater because this is the kind of mistake that we pride ourselves on not making. I hope that the consequences are as slight as you describe them, and that you can accept my red-faced apologies.

Of course, Les Dunbar will handle the matter as you suggest.

If there is anything else I can do to rectify this mistake, do let me know.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 23, 1961

Mary Ellen,

Supt. Gasque of Front Royal called this morning. He wanted permission to use some paragraphs from your report in his paper at the Williamsburg meeting of the Commission on Civil Rights; permission granted. He said that he thought your report was "excellent;" that he and Mr. Woods (?) had both read it carefully and had marveled at the fair and complete job you were able to do on a short visit.

Mrs. Albright is sending to you a letter from Leon Dure, as we see by the envelope. I would love to know what he has to say.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar

BCC: Ben Muse
Brewbaker

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: BEN MUSE February 23, 1961

FROM: LWD

As we discussed yesterday, I shall inform you about planned projects so that we may consider whether they can be charged in whole or in part to the RBF budget. I think there will be two kinds of situations. One is where we have an idea here which we want to lay before you and which will not be undertaken except as a RBF project and with your prior endorsement. The second will include those things which we decide to do and which nevertheless might appropriately be considered RBF.

We have now underway a project of the second sort. I believe you know that we have commissioned George McMillan to do a pamphlet on the problems of college desegregation. George will "hang" the discussion on the University of Georgia incident, and the success of his law enforcement pamphlet justifies us, I believe, in thinking that in his hands this will be an effective technique. The discussion will be broader, however, than the single problem of campus riots. I have outlined with him a number of administrative problems which should get treatment. The hope is that we shall come up with something of specific interest and value to college administrators, but with wider appeal as well.

McMillan is not always prompt in completing an assignment; I have asked him to have the writing done by late March and will be satisfied if it comes in anywhere close to that. We are paying him $500 plus travel expenses for one or two days in Athens. This is higher than our usual fee, but he is a professional writer--which means he depends upon his commissions to live. And, in a way that is very important to me, his fee is more economical than lower fees paid to some of the other people who have written for us: that is, we get a finished manuscript which doesn't require days of my time going over it. I estimate the total cost, including printing and postage, to be in the $2,000 to $2,500 range which is about par for most pamphlets.

Because this is the first memo to you in this new attack on the budgeting problem, I reiterate my statement of yesterday that I do not think we should foreclose the possibility that on some projects RBF will want to assume a share of the cost rather than all of it or none of it. I am not inviting in this particular case a shared arrangement, merely indicating what I think are the three alternatives.

Hope you had a good trip back to Virginia.

February 23, 1961

Mr. Will Maslow
Executive Director
American Jewish Congress
15 East 84th Street
New York 28, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Maslow:

Harold has asked me to send you what information we can in regard to your letter of February 17. On the attached sheet you will find enrollment figures for five of the ten larger cities plus two others. I don't think there is any simpler way to obtain complete coverage than by writing to the school board or superintendent in each city; I am fairly sure they would answer you promptly. We are sorry that our files are not completely satisfactory on this question, but we have never tried to keep up with these figures.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosure: chart

	1960 pop. city	1960 pop. SMA	SMA rank	City School Enrollment Negro	City School Enrollment white
Houston	932,630	1,236,704	1	23,951	102,469
Dallas	672,424	1,071,003	2	24,951	102,469
New Orleans	621,259	861,299	5	51,113	37,490
San Antonio	583,690	682,481	7		
Memphis	491,710	619,722	9		
Atlanta	484,825	1,010,577	3	45,918	55,248
Fort Worth	347,368	557,864	10		
Birmingham	339,211	629,248	8		
Miami	284,492	921,625	4	est.27,502 **	133,336 **
Norfolk	276,897	541,494	11	17,475	33,570
Tampa	270,685	759,780 *	6 *		
Richmond	218,486	406,601	-	22,164 **	17,980
Charlotte	200,882	270,966	-	17,200	43,800
Jacksonville	197,948	448,272	-		
Mobile	191,393	312,771	-		
Austin	185,052	210,519	-		
St. Petersburg	177,927	*	*		

* Tampa-St. Petersburg

** Miami and Charlotte figures are for whole of Dade and Mecklenburg Counties; in both cases, this is the SMA!

SOURCES: Dallas - SSN, Dec. 1960
New Orleans - SSN, Nov. 1960
Atlanta - official (figure is not enrollment, but active memberships; enrollment is 47,244 and 61,744).
Miami - SSN, Nov. 1960
Norfolk - ditto
Richmond - ditto
Charlotte - ditto

attendance

February 23, 1961

Bethune Jones
234 River Road
Red Bank, New Jersey

Dear Sirs:

Thank you for your letter of February 21. We have provisions for keeping rather fully informed about developments in our field; however, on the basis of your offer for a one month free trial, we should like to receive your reporting service on racial relations. At the end of the month we shall follow your procedure to inform you whether or not to continue on a paid basis.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

February 23, 1961

Mrs. Helen Hill Miller
Box 3665, University Station
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Miller:

Harold has asked me to reply to your letter of February 14. Folger and Darden ought to be your best informants, as you indicate. I have found also that Woodrow Wilson representatives, especially if they have been on the job long, good for information and insights. The representative in this area is Dean Charles Hounshell, College of Arts and Sciences, Emory University. I checked with him for the name of the representative in the Virginia area, who I thought might be more conveniently located for you. It turns out to be Professor Richard Bardolph, Box 5095, Woman's College, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, N. C. Bardolph, incidentally, published last year a book which got rather considerable attention, titled The Negro Vanguard.

For Negro schools two persons whose information and opinions I have found of high quality are Stephen Wright, president of Fisk, and Horace Mann Bond, Professor of Education, Atlanta University. The Journal of Negro Education always has things to read. They did special issues on Negro colleges in the Summer of 1958 and the Summer of 1960; in the former, which I once read with some care, I found articles by Stephen Wright and Guy Johnson to be good; the latter, which I once scanned, seemed pretty deadly throughout. There is a good, clear summary article by Robert Weaver in the Spring, 1960 issue: "Private Negro Colleges and Universities--An Appraisal." Finally, I am presuming to enclose a copy of a speech I once gave.

A couple of other things are enclosed also. We will be interested in seeing your piece.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosures:
"Excellence in the Affairs of Higher Education"
New South, Feb. 1955, "New Ways on the Campus," by Guy B. Johnson
Report L-23

February 23, 1961

Mr. Howard N. Meyer
76 Tarence Street
Rockville Centre, New York

Dear Mr. Meyer:

By this time, you should have received the NEW SOUTH issues for 1959 and 1960. If you have not, please let us know.

The material had been mailed at the time of my February 14th letter to you; but since it was not sent first class, it sometimes takes about a week for delivery.

We do appreciate your interest in the Council's work.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

February 23, 1961

Mr. W. James Easterly
610 Rainbow Drive
Hollywood, Florida

Dear Mr. Easterly:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, the pamphlet material on sit-ins available here at the Council. I am placing your name on our mailing list for any future material of this type.

With best wishes for your thesis.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

February 24, 1961

Mr. T. J. McIlwaine
Division Superintendent
Prince Edward County Schools
Farmville, Virginia

Dear Mr. McIlwaine:

We are extremely sorry that the copy you received of our special report on Virginia's private schools had page 13 missing. We are mailing you today another copy, plus three extra copies. We do have this report available in quantity.

We are pleased to know that you consider the report well done and interesting.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
4 - Sanctuaries for Tradition

February 24, 1961

Miss Margaret Fisher
National Committee Against Discrimination
in Housing
426 West 58th Street
New York 19, New York

Dear Maggie:

Enclosed is a copy of the resolution adopted by the North Carolina Council of Churches. As you will see, the statement on housing is considerably less spectagular than "From the State Capitals" would suggest.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

Encl: HCF's Reporter Article"The Price of a Cup of Coffee"
May 1960

February 24, 1961

Miss Margaret Seidl
17 Roosevelt Drive
Valhalla, New York

Dear Miss Seidl:

The question you pose is a very timely and significant one.

I am sending you separately several pieces of our material which deal with the sit-in protest. I refer you particularly to the report entitled, "The Student Protest Movement, Winter 1960." The view of the sit-ins expressed in that document coincide with my own personal views. I have had various occasions to speak to this question in articles or before audiences. I am enclosing a copy of an article reported in The Reporter magazine which you may find of interest.

To state briefly here what is said in greater length in this material, the sit-in demonstrations have had great value in dramatizing for both Negroes and whites, North and South, the growing impatience with injustice and segregation among Negro Americans, particularly younger Negroes. Of course, this value derives largely from the orderly non-violent quality of the protest movement.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 24, 1961

The Honorable Justine Wise Polier
175 East 64th Street
New York, New York

Dear Justine:

Guido Goldman sounds like a bright and able young man, indeed. Although ordinarily we would be reluctant to consider a temporary stint for as short a time as a month, in view of Mr. Goldman's record and your own warm endorsement of him, I will be happy to try to work something out.

We have no obvious project or function at which he might work. My first reaction, however, is that he might very well do something for us in the Research and Publications Department that would benefit both him and us. I will raise this question with Les Dunbar, our director of research, at the first opportunity.

As I needn't tell you, what we are able to do will depend quite a bit on cost. Would you ask Mr. Goldman to write me, telling me more about his interests and abilities and indicating the amount of remuneration he would need or expect? Once we hear from him, we will give him an answer as promptly as possible.

Many thanks for this suggestion and my very best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 24, 1961

Mr. Arthur H. Kahn
Counsel
Board of Higher Education
The College of the City of New York
535 E. 80th Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Mr. Kahn:

I am happy to send you the enclosed copy of our recent report, "The Federal Executive and Civil Rights." Any comments and criticisms you may care to make would be most welcome and appreciated here.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

February 24, 1961

Mr. Morris L. Ernst
285 Madison Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Ernst:

Your letter of February 10 raises a very interesting question. We have been considering here the likelihood of an appropriate government body taking on the task of documenting progress toward integration.

Because of the time and staff work this project would require, I am inclined to doubt that a congressional committee would take it on. It occures to me, however, that this would be a very appropriate undertaking for the Commission on Civil Rights, since it is a research and fact-finding agency. I know some of the staff members of the Commission and have met some of the commissioners. How effective it would be, however, for a private agency person like myself to make this suggestion is a question. Would you have any obvious approaches that suggest themselves to you? If you happen to be well acquainted with one or more of the commissioners, I would think that avenue would be more promising.

Please let me have your thinking on this when you conveniently can.

Very best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 24, 1961

Mr. Melvin L. Bergheim
Governmental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mel:

Many thanks for your letter concerning Patrick Arton's reaction to his American visit.

He is a very bright and personable fellow, and we were glad to be of some help to him during his visit to Atlanta.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 24, 1961

Mr. Wilton Dillon
Phelps-Stokes Fund
297 Park Avenue, South
New York, New York

Dear Wilton:

It's my turn to congratulate you on your effective use of the columns of the New York Times. Ever since your letter on the training of African scholars appeared, I have been meaning to drop you a note of appreciation. It's an excellent statement, and the times accorded it and you the prestigeful treatment that was called for.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 24, 1961

Miss Katharine DePre Lumpkin
Department of Economics and Sociology
Wells College
Aurora, New York

Dear Miss Lumpkin:

Your letter of February 20 is much appreciated. Nothing would please me more than the opportunity to visit Wells College and to be of any service I could to you and your colleagues.

Much to my regret, I can see no possibility of such a visit between now and the end of the current academic year. The months between now and then are so scheduled that there is no possibility of my remaining in New York long enough to make the trip to Aurora.

I am genuinely sorry that this is the case. If you still feel this idea timely during the 1961-62 year, I should be very glad to try to work out something then.

Let me add that a strong inducement for me would be the prospect of meeting you and discussing with you the exciting and turbulent race relations in the South.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 24, 1961

Miss Ann Lockwood
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Miss Lockwood:

I am replying to your letter of February 21 in which you request our March 1957 and September 1959 editions of Organizations and Personnel Engaged in Human Relations Activities in the South. Since the last up-dating in September 1959 we have discontinued to make additional distribution of this report; both editions which you requested are very much out of date.

I am, therefore, sending you a reproduction of my office copy which I hope will serve your purposes.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to the Director

MF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

February 24, 1961

Mr. Howard N. Meyer
76 Tarence Street
Rockville Centre, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Meyer:

We now have offset reprints of our report, *The Federal Executive and Civil Rights*, and a copy is being mailed to you. The cost is .50¢.

Regarding the requested information on the effect of desegregation on the Negro teacher, we are sending you several things and listing, on an enclosed sheet, bits of information and the sources. For your information, also, we suggest the following:

Southern School News, Vol. III, No. 5, November, 1956 has a feature titled "462 Negro Teachers Out, Many Land in New Jobs."

A 1958 *Louisville Defender* series, "A Study on Teacher Integration," has been published in pamphletform and is available from that newspaper at 714 W. Chestnut Street, Louisville 2, Ky.

The Civil Rights Commission 1959 report, pp. 265-70, "The Minority Group Teacher," gives data on Negro teacher displacement. (The 1960 report deals with public higher education.)

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Enclosure: excerpts CCR
Mailed separately:

The Federal Executive and Civil Rights
New South, "A Solid South...Or Else" (restrictive legislation)
Desegregation in the Baltimore City Schools (see pp. 14-15)
Action Patterns in School Desegregation (see pp. 236-237

P.S. See *The Journal of Negro Education*, Winter 1960 "The Negro Teacher in the Process of Desegregation of Schools." (A.W. Spruill).

EXCERPTS FROM CONFERENCE BEFORE THE UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS, Second Annual Conference, March 21-22, 1960, Gatlinburg, Tenn.

P. 29 - statement by P. A. Tanksley, Supt. of Schools, Del Rio, Texas, that all four Negro teachers lost jobs when schools integrated.

P. 36 - statement of Frances Tuttle, Supt. of Schools, Holdenville, Okla., "...the two Negro teachers will be dropped from the staff" when the Negro elementary school (55 pupils) is closed and pupils i integrated into the four white elementary schools.

P. 46 - statement of J. L. Darnell, Supt. of Schools, Creek County, Okla., "...a total of 19 teachers have lost their teaching positions in the county as a direct and indirect result of integration. One Negro teacher was rehired to teach in an integrated school where the enrollment is 90% Negro. Two other Negro teachers were given positions in an integrated high school that has six other white teachers. ... There is little liklihood that many Negro teachers will be employed in the county as long as boards of education are made up primarily of white people.

P. 56 - statement of Ralph W. Osborne, Supt. of Schools, Paducah, Ky. "We have no plans for the integration of colored teachers." (Negro teachers in all-Negro schools increased from 33 to 37.)

P. 178 - statement of C. Taylor Whittier, Supt.of Schools, Montgomery County, Maryland, "We have 107 schools, and each year we have had to open new schools, which has meant we have a great need for teachers and an ample opportunity to absorb any of the Negro teachers who would be displaced because of the closing of Negro schools."
(table on p. 192 on Negro teachers)

February 24, 1961

Mr. C. Armonde Paxson
Paxson, Marshall & Smith
Court Square
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mr. Paxson:

We have issues a number of reports and pamphlets on schools: *School Desegregation: the first six years*, *A Background Report on School Desegregation for 1960-61*, and (the most recent) *Sanctuaries for Tradition: Virginia's New Private Schools*, by Mary Ellen Goodman. We have also issues a series of short, factual reports, called L-Reports. We will be happy to send you any of these, if you will let us know which one you were referring to in your letter of February 22nd.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

via air mail   February 27, 1961

The Willard Hotel
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your telegram of this date, Mr. Harold C. Fleming will be arriving in Washington at 9:42 p.m. If his plane is on schedule, he should reach the hotel by 10:30 p.m.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to Mr. Fleming

MF

February 27, 1961

Mrs. Frank W. Anderson, Jr.
3239 Gilmer Avenue
Montgomery 5, Alabama

Dear Jose:

We asked Mrs. Harris, executive director of HOPE, Inc., to respond to many of the questions in your letter of February 16. I expect that you have heard from her by now.

We have no objection to your mailing SRC publications to anyone you wish.

You are wise not to be officially or openly related to the Southern Regional Council. We have, however, cooperated unofficially with such groups in Little Rock, Virginia, Georgia, and New Orleans and would be happy to be of service in any way we can.

Let me know if you need further information on the New Orleans groups and I will try to respond or have them respond to your concerns.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

February 27, 1961

The Rev. William K. Williams
Florida Council on Human Relations
4241 S. W. 109th Court
Miami 55, Florida

Dear Bill:

Give us your analysis of the significance and potential of the NOW group recently formed in Miami. Mrs. Tilly returning from a recent trip to speak to the group reports with some concern that it seems to have real drawing power and good leadership and to have a good chance of matching the $9,800 Field grant, but that it seems to have no clear direction or program. How do you assess it?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

February 27, 1961

The Rev. W. L. Barnes
Lucas Avenue
Huntland, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Barnes:

I agree with you that a biracial committee can be extremely useful in preparing the ground for school desegregation. Such committees have played varying roles since the 1954 decision. Sometimes such committees are publicly identified and work to gain public acceptance of the principle and plan of desegregation. More often they are behind the scenes groups which advise the school superintendents and chief of police as to procedures prior to the fact, and trouble shooting after the fact.

I am sending separately a copy of a recent report we prepared on biracial committees. Most of this data, however, relates to the sit-in situation and is therefore not too relevant. I am sending on a copy of Action Patterns in School Desegregation which notes the experiences of some 70 communities in carrying through desegregation plans. I am also sending the analysis of the way desegregation came to Baltimore and Louisville.

May I refer you for additional assistance to Miss Katherine Jones, director of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations (2011 Grand Avenue, Nashville), an organization with which we cooperate closely.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

February 27, 1961

Mrs. Wallis I. Schutt, President
United Church Women of Mississippi
955 Pecan Boulevard
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Schutt:

I have discussed the matter of the reprint from the February issue of THE PULPIT with Mr. John Constable, the editor of NEW SOUTH, and he told me that it will be published in this magazine; but it will not be off the press in time for your annual meeting of United Church Women. In the meantime, we will have seventy-five copies mimeographed and mailed to you.

It was good to hear from you, and I am sending out a letter to find out just what follow-up has been made of our Workshop in November. I have just returned from the meeting of the Fellowship of the Concerned of Florida, and on the 21st here we held an inter-faith meeting as a result of the meeting in November.

It is wonderful to have someone like you heading the United Church Women,- Somebody who dares to be herself and takes stands she knows to be right.

With best wishes to you in your leadership.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

February 27, 1961

Rabbi William Sajowitz
Regional Director
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
816 Congress Building
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Rabbi Sajowitz:

Harold Fleming asked me to respond to your request for friendly contacts in the Miami area. We do have one board member there, Dr. H. Franklin Williams, Vice President of the University of Miami in Coral Gables.

As you probably know, we cooperate closely with the Florida Council on Human Relations, a group with considerable membership in Dade County. We are suggesting to the Director of the Florida Council, the Rev. William K. Williams (4241 S. W. 109th Court) that he call you and attempt to be of assistance in broadening your contacts in Miami.

If we can be of further service, please let us know. I look forward to meeting you myself on my next trip to the Miami area. This will probably be some time in April.

You will be interested in learning that the next Southern Interagency Conference will be May 2 and 3. The place has not been set. You will receive more notification later.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

February 27, 1961

Mr. George W. Culberson
Executive Director
Commission on Human Relations
518 City-County Building
Pittsburgh 19, Pennsylvania

Dear George:

This is to give you my affirmative vote on the questions raised in your memoranda of February 20 and 22. I think the task force idea is an excellent one and, of course, I will be glad to contribute whatever I can to it. I am not certain at this moment whether I can make the Washington meeting, but I will do it if at all possible.

I would like to advance one suggestion. I notice that I am the only Southerner in the group (excluding such emeritus figures as Fred Routh and Alex Miller). If it is not too late to consider enlarging the committee, I strongly urge that at least one other Southern member be added. There are obvious candidates -- John Hope, Herman Long, Paul Rilling, among them.

I will look forward to further instructions from you on this very timely project.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 28, 1961

Mr. Verne R. Read
407 East Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee 2, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Read:

We are sending you under separate cover a complimentary copy of our report, The Federal Executive and Civil Rights.

Our research staff is small, consisting of myself, two assistants and a filing aide. Our files are rather extensive and include chiefly newspaper clippings, government reports, and other current materials, plus a small library. A number of our publications are commissioned, and I am sending you also a copy of a recent pamphlet as an illustration. We have not attempted to print a bibliography of articles and books relating to Negroes; we do have a list of our own materials which is currently in revision and we shall send you a copy in a few days.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:A

February 28, 1961

Professor Michael I. Sovern
School of Law
Columbia University
New York 27, N. Y.

Dear Professor Sovern:

We are very glad to hear of your grant from the 20th Century Fund. I hope that we may keep in touch as your study progresses, for it is a field in which we are of course greatly interested. Actually, however, we have not published anything on the question of employment discrimination. In January we did submit to President Kennedy and his administrative leaders, and subsequently released to the press, a discussion of possible executive actions to protect the civil rights. I am sending you a copy of this, together with a research memorandum by Daniel Pollitt, of the University of North Carolina law school, from which it grew.

We have added your name to our mailing list. We have a listing of back materials available, but it is now under revision. When it is completed a copy will be sent to you, and if you will return it to me personally with checks beside the things you would like to have, I shall see that you get them.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Mailed separately:
The Federal Executive and Civil Rights
The Pollitt Memo
Segal, Accent on the South

February 28, 1961

The Honorable Jeffrey Cohelan
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman Cohelan:

At the request of Mrs. Ross Green, we are sending you enclosed a copy of our recent report, The Federal Executive and Civil Rights. When you have had a chance to examine it, we shall be very happy to have your comments and opinions regarding it.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosure:
The Federal Executive and Civil Rights

February 28, 1961

Miss Ruth Searles
Assistant Director
Institute for Research in Social Science
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Miss Searles:

I think we can put 100 copies of When a City Closes Its Schools to good use. Many thanks for thinking of us in this connection.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Interoffice Memo February 28, 1961

TO: PR and JE

RROM: LWD

I have told Chapel Hill to send the 100 copies of WHEN A CITY CLOSES ITS SCHOOLS. I note that JC recommends sending copies to the state groups and other agencies. I would agree that our state directors should get it; I doubt that we shall have enough copies to cover the whole inter-agency list, and I don't see anyhow why we should give the agencies free copies. PR says that he can use some at New Orleans. How about Baton Rouge? Birmingham?

February 28, 1961

Mr. Ralph Creger
14 Rosemont Drive
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Ralph:

Thank you for your letter letting me know the progress of This Is What We Found. Ashmore's letter, in particular, should prove very helpful.

I did have an opportunity to speak to Ralph McGill and learned that he has received and presumably read your book. I am not sure of his plans for publicizing it, but I got the impression that you and I both have done all we can to move him in that direction.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 28, 1961

Mr. Frank A. Weil
Treasurer
The Aaron E. Norman Fund, Inc.
42 Wall Street
New York 5, New York

Dear Mr. Weil:

We are warmly grateful to you for the prompt and generous response to our request for a renewed grant in 1961.

You are quite right, of course, about the amount of the 1960 grant. My letter was inappropriately worded on this point. If it should be possible for the Fund to consider increasing the amount during 1961, I need hardly say that we would be most appreciative.

Would you share with the other Trustees of the Fund the thanks of the Southern Regional Council and my personal gratefulness and good wishes?

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Official receipt)

February 28, 1961

Dr. E. A. Jones
1341 Booker Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Jones:

I greatly regret that next Friday, January 3rd will find me in Washington, for I would very much like to attend your meeting concerning the proposed International House. As Bob Thompson may have told you I am keenly interested in this undertaking. I hope that I will be able to be helpful to the effort as it progresses.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 28, 1961

Mr. Paul H. Norgren
82 Forest Street
Stamford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Norgren:

I am acknowledging your letter of February 25 to Mr. Fleming who is away from the office for a day or so. When he returns to the city, I'm sure you will hear from him promptly.

In the meantime, I'm sending to you separately a copy of our recent report "The Federal Executive and Civil Rights." I'm also sending a copy of the Pollitt memorandum which you need not return.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to Mr. Fleming

MF/mf

February 28, 1961

Mrs. John N. Hitch
Staff Secretary
Knoxville Area Human Relations
Council
701 Empire Building
Knoxville 1, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Hitch:

In his absence from the office, Mr. Fleming has asked me to acknowledge your letter of February 14.

Part of the information you requested has been sent to you and the remaining is now being prepared. We are hopeful that your work in Knoxville will be most successful and will be happy to be of any possible help to you.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

February 28, 1961

Mrs. Emily C. Wilson
3417 Baring Street
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

Dear Emily:

Harold is away from the office for more than a week therefore I am acknowledging your letter of the 24th.

I'm afraid that there is nothing available at this time which would meet your needs during April and thereafter. However, I will keep you in mind and we will do anything possible, including letting some of the other agencies know of your availability.

We look forward to seeing you on your arrival.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

February 28, 1961

Mr. Mark Israel
885 West End Avenue
S - 5 - C
New York 25, New York

Dear Mr. Israel:

In his absence, I would like to acknowledge your letter of February 20 to Mr. Fleming.

Regrettably, I know of nothing with the Council that would fit your interests during the coming summer. We will be happy to keep your request on file and to contact you if anything develops here or in any agency that we know about. You might also contact the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials whose address is Room 209, 426 West 58th Street, New York 19. NAIRO maintains a most complete listing of openings in the human relations field, and they might know of something.

Sincerely,

Haul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

March 1, 1961

The Honorable Ben West
Mayor
City of Nashville
Nashville, Tennessee

My dear Mayor West:

Mr. John Hope has requested that we send you the enclosed Leadership Reports. You are being added to our mailing list for these reports and will receive them as they are issued in the future.

We will, of course, be happy to supply you with any materials that we may have.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures

March 1, 1961

Mr. Art Levin
Anti-Defamation League
41 Exchange Place
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Art:

This will confirm your agreement to speak to our Seminar on School Desegregation March 13 at the Quaker House, 1384 Fairview Road, N.E. from 8:00 - 10:00. I will be on hand to do the chores of introduction, moderating, etc.

I am enclosing an outline of the general pattern of our discussions. We have completed numbers 1-3 and will discuss number 5 on March 6. Numbers 4 and 6 are spoken for. I will be happy to have you fill in most anywhere and whatever topic you prefer will be scheduled for March 13. My own thought, however, is that you would do one of your specialty jobs on resistance forces. The outline was only because I had to get something ready to show people. We talk about what we please.

This is a group of approximately 15 persons, all friends. You know many of them -- Fran Breeden, Betty Harris, Fred and Florence Robbin, William Shields and Mrs. Harry Richardson from ITC, Estelle Wykoff.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm
Enc.

March 1, 1961

Mr. T. J. McIlwaine
Division Superintendent
Prince Edward County Schools
Farmville, Virginia

Dear Mr. McIlwaine:

I would like to add to Mrs. Albright's my note of appreciation for your letter regarding Dr. Goodman's report on Virginia's private schools. We shall be very glad to make additional copies available to you if you have any need for them, so long as our supply lasts.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

March 1, 1961

The Rev. Malcolm P. Calhoun
Secretary
Division of Christian Action
Presbyterian Church in the United States
Eight North Sixth Street
Richmond 9, Virginia

Dear Mr. Calhoun:

We have your letter of February 23 and are sending you under separate cover some things which may help you with your seminar assignment. If we could be of any further assistance, please let me know.

As to other sources for study, a project as broad as yours is gives one the opportunity of making use of some of the fine reflective literature of recent years, beginning with Cash and coming down through James McBride Dabbs' *The Southern Heritage*, Harry Ashmore's *Epitaph for Dixie*, William Nicholls' *Southern Tradition and Regional Progress*, and Dykeman-Stokely's *Neither Black Nor White*.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Mailed separately:
Three Views of the Segregation Decision
~~The~~ *Student Protest Movement, Winter 1960*
Desegregation: the first six years
Spearman-Meyer, *Racial Crisis and the Press*
The Negro Voter in the South; *The Negro and the Ballot* (Price)
Tarplee, *The Church in Areas of Racial Tension*
Collins, *The South and the Nation*
New South, Nov. '59, April '60

March 1, 1961

Mr. A. E. Cox
933 Chambliss Road
Memphis 16, Tenn.

Dear Gene:

You have been a tremendouslhelp recently in sending us clips about Mississippi and the Heywood-Fayette County affair. We don't get any Mississippi paper and our press reliance for state coverage is on the New Orleans paper, which is not always complete.

When you are doing so much I hate to ask for more, but our file clerks would be happy (and so would I) if you could by some hasty abbreviation indicate on the clips the name of the paper.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

March 1, 1961

Mrs. Clark Goodman
12511 Old Oaks Drive
Houston 24, Texas

Dear Mary Ellen:

Thank you for your kind words. Incidentally, our clipping service had already sent in the story from the Houston Press Reporter. We all thought it was fine.

We are mailing the two copies of The Federal Executive and Civil Rights as you requested. We have had a different practice with regard to this than any of our other things, in that we have been strict in charging for copies: fifty cents per single copy, thirty-five in quantity. So, if you feel like sending us a dollar we'll take it.

Let me know if you want more copies of your good report, or would like copies mailed to other persons.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

March 1, 1961

Dr. Bell I. Wiley
Department of History
Emory University
Atlanta 22, Georgia

Dear Bell:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter from Mr. Dabbs which will need a bit of explanation.

I wrote to him a short time ago, with the thought that the Council, a body of liberal and distinguished Southerners, ought to make some contribution to public discussion during the Civil War Centennial. I suggested that we might think about a symposium, of pamphlet length, that would be built around some question related both to the War and to the South's present problems and situation. As to method, I suggested that Mr. Dabbs, as President of the Council, might write a letter to several Board members, posing the topic and discussing its implications; that they would reply, and that this exchange of letters be published. Undoubtedly, some pre-arranging and editing would be needed. The sort of participants I had in mind included you, Hodding Carter, Paul Green, Benjamin Mays, James Stokely, Marion Wright, Stephen Wright, and one or two others. If five, say, were selected and agreed, letters of about 1,250 words average would (counting Mr. Dabbs's) make a pamphlet of 7,500 words, which is about right. But if the let letters ran longer, that would be all right too.

Let us have your reaction. If you think this can be done and would be willing to take a part in it, perhaps when Mr. Dabbs is next in town (that should be within the next few weeks) we could get together and talk about it. Obviously, the first problem would be to select the topic.

Sincerely yours,

LWD:A
CC: Mr. Dabbs

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

March 1, 1961

Mr. William Nosofsky
The Evening Program
Hofstra College
Hempstead, New York

Dear Mr. Nosofsky:

Enclosed is a listing of materials available at the Southern Regional Council. If any of these items suits your purpose, please let me know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

March 1, 1961

Mrs. Jessie S. Burnett
216 E. Park Avenue
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Burnett:

As we have no pamphlet material concerning your request on New Orleans, I am asking the research department if they can come up with anything from their files which will be of help to you. You will probably here from one of the research staff members in the very near future.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

March 2, 1961

Mrs. Ruby Hurley
Director
Southeastern Regional Office
N. A. A. C. P.
859½ Hunter Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ruby:

We are closing out the account of the Joint Fact-Finding Project which made possible the study of Intimidation, Reprisal and Violence in the South's Racial Crisis. A proportionate share - according to the amount originally contributed - of the burrent balance of $328.60 is being sent to each contributor. Accordingly, our check for $54.68 is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1.

Same letter sent to the following agencies with checks in the amounts shown:

UAW - William H. Oliver ($54.68)

AFSC - Jean Fairfax ($26.84)

AFSC - Wilton Hartzler, High Point, N. C. ($26.84)

AJCommittee - Chas. Wittenstein ($26.84)

ADL - Art Levin ($54.68)

NCC - Will Campbell ($29.30)

March 2, 1961

Dr. Herman D. Bloch
Assistant District Director
School of Industrial and Labor Relations
Room 533-25
551 Fifth Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Dr. Bloch:

Your letter of March 1 to Mr. Fleming arrived during his absence from the office. However, as you requested, I am sending a copy of our report "The Federal Executive and Civil Rights," enclosed.

I'm sure Mr. Fleming will be pleased that you have requested our report.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to the Director

MF
Enclosure - 1.

March 2, 1961

Mr. J. J. Brewbaker
545 Mayflower Road
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brewbaker:

Your letter of February 28 found Harold away from the office for several days. Therefore, I'm sending on to you a copy of the Mary Ellen Goodman report which you requested.

All good wishes.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to the Director

MF
Enclosure - 1.

March 2, 1961

Mrs. Nettie Young Jones
c/o C. D. Sweeney
350 Norwood Place
Merritt Island, Florida

Dear Mrs. Jones:

If you still have not made commitments for the immediate future, I would suggest that you drive your Volkswagon in this general direction, stopping off at Columbia, South Carolina to see Mrs. E. H. Spearman, director of the South Carolina Council on Human Relations (1330 Laurel Street). If after talking with Mrs. Spearman, you would still like to explore other possibilities, then come on to Atlanta to see Mrs. William Pauley, new director of the Georgia Council on Human Relations. Both of these state directors would like to talk to you and feel it might be possible to work out an arrangement whereby you might be of considerable service to their operations.

We understand that you are not interested primarily in a paying job, but rather are asking interesting activities which will enable you to be of service in human relations work. This is important because of the shoestring budgetary operation of these state council groups. I hope that you will be able to follow up on these possibilities. Both the Georgia and South Carolina Councils are operating in difficult situations and need as much help as they can get.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

March 2, 1961

Dr. C. H. Parrish
Department of Sociology
University of Louisville
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear C. H.:

A committee here which is working on the preparation of the Atlanta community for desegregation next fall has suggested that it might be fruitful to invite Dr. Philip Davidson to Atlanta for a talk or two over TV and to meet prestige groups. The idea would be to interpret Louisville's experience in a helpful way.

What would be your thought on this? Is he an able and fluent speaker? etc.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

March 2, 1961

The Rev. Dan Bowers
Virginia Council on Human Relations
3-B Broad-Grace Arcade Building
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Dan:

The Georgia CHR has been talking with an Atlanta TV station and finds that free time would be available to interview the proper person from Virginia on the private school question. We would not need top drawer names, but we would need someone whose position or experience would be salable as expertise. Do you have any such in your stable?

Somehow or other we did not get a new list of board members, officers, and local council leaders from you?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

March 2, 1961

Mr. J. Delmas Escoe
Assistant Counsel
Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Escoe:

We are pleased to send you, with our compliments, a copy of "The Federal Executive and Civil Rights," enclosed.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to the Director

MF
Enclosure - 1.

March 2, 1961

Mr. David M. Oliver
Calhoun City
Mississippi

Dear Mr. Oliver:

Mr. J. M. Dabbs directed your letter of February 17 to this office, asking that we provide you all available information from our reference files. In answer to your questions:

1) Our most recent listing of Southern cities with desegregated city transit systems is enclosed. Note, however, that it is not a complete listing, but rather the results of a spot survey of 30-odd cities which was conducted in 1959, with a few more recent additions from press reports. We have indicated the latest of these.

2) In lieu of more comprehensive material (which, unfortunately, is not available), we are sending copies of newsclips from our files for the last year pertinent to your questions 2, 3, and 4. In regard to lunch counters in public transportation facilities, the situation is, of course, currently in a state of flux as a result of the student protest movement. Bus and train station lunch counters have been very obvious targets for sit-ins during the past year and in several instances desegregation has resulted. A spate of new litigation in connection with such facilities is another consequence of the protest movement.

I hope these materials will be of help in answering your questions.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM:a
Enclosures: news clips
list of cities with desegregated buses

March 2, 1961

Mr. Guy Watts
Corpus Christi Committee on Human Relations
505½ Garancahua
Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Mr. Watts:

I have heard from time to time of the activity and program of your committee from persons active in the Austin Commission on Human Relations and the Texas Commission on Interracial Cooperation. I am anxious that we be in contact so that you can receive all of the publications of this office and so that we may have the benefit of your knowledge and observations concerning local and state developments.

I am placing your name on our mailing list, and will send separately some of our most recent publications. We would appreciate it if you could let us have from time to time information on your group and copies of any newsletters that you may publish.

As you probably know, we cooperate closely with some 50 local groups through state councils on human relations in 9 Southern states. Of course, Texas no longer has a staffed state council and we consequently feel somewhat uninformed about some of the developments in human relations work currently going on in Texas. We would particularly appreciate any suggestions about how we could be of greater service in Texas.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

March 3, 1961

Professor Thomas F. Pettigrew
Department of Psychology
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Tom:

Here are some names. In each city there is school desegregation and other desegregation. I shall see next what notes we can put together for you--short of digging through the clip files--on each place. In the meantime, these names may be a start.

Arkansas

Fayetteville - Mrs. Kyle Engler, 836 N. Highland
Little Rock - Nat Griswold, Director, Arkansas Council on Human Relations, 1220 West Capitol

Florida

Miami - The Rev. Wm. K. Williams, Director, Florida Council on Human Relations, 4241 S.W. 109th Court

Kentucky -

Lexington - Dr. and Mrs. Albert Lott, 617 Freeman Drive, or University of Kentucky
Frankfort - The Rev. Galen Martin, Executive Director, Kentucky Commission on Human Relations, 311 Capitol Bldg.
Louisville - Dr. C. H. Parrish, Chairman, Dept. of Sociology, University of Louisville

North Carolina

Charlotte - The Rev. Harry Jones, Director, North Carolina Council on Human Relations, 121 E. Third St.
Greensboro - Mr. McNeill Smith, Chairman, North Carolina Advisory Committee to CCR, Smith, Moore, Smith, Schell & Hunter, 700 Jefferson Standard Bldg.
Winston-Salem - Clarence H. Patrick, Chairman, Dept. of Sociology, Wake Forest University
Durham - Mr. John H. Wheeler, President, Mechanics and Farmers Bank, Durham (Chm. Exec. Committee, SRC)
Chapel Hill - Rev. Charles Jones, Community Church,

Raleigh - Miss Vivian Irving, 615 South East Street

Oklahoma

Oklahoma City - James E. Stewart, SRC Board, 548 N.E. Fourth Street

Tennessee

Knoxville - Mrs. John Hitch, Director, Knoxville Area Human Relations Council, P. O. Box 1011, Knoxville
Oak Ridge - Washington Butler, member of City Council
Nashville - Rev. Will Campbell, P. O. Box 1083

Texas

Austin - Rev. Robert Breihan, 2434 Guadalupe
Houston - Mr. Irwin Glatstein, Jewish Community Council, 2020 Herman Drive

Virginia

Alexandria - Rabbi Emmet Frank, 3820 Seminary Road
Charlottesville - Thomas Hammond, Dept. of History, University of Virginia
Fairfax County - Bert Seidman, 1617 Poplar Drive, Falls Church
Norfolk - Mr. Thomas Young, Journal & Guide,
Richmond - Rev. Daniel Bowers, Virginia Council on Human Relations, 3-B Broad-Grace Arcade Bldg.
Roanoke - Dr. Harry T. Penn, 36 Center Avenue N.W.

Good luck.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

March 3, 1961

Dr. J. Wayne Reitz
President
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Dr. Reitz:

Your letter of March 3 arrived during Mr. Fleming's absence from the office. I am, however, sending you a copy of our report, The Federal Executive and Civil Rights, enclosed.

I'm sure Mr. Fleming will be pleased that you have requested our report.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to the Director

MF
Enclosure - 1.

March 3, 1961

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Center
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

According to my records, I never got around to billing your state rural project for the trip to Columbia to see the college president at Claflin. Unless I am in error on this, you owe us:

$1.50	airport parking
36.96	round trip air fare
$38.46	

Please make check payable to SRC.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

March 3, 1961

Mr. Leo M. Coogan
Secretary
Edgar Stern Family Fund
521 Royal Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Coogan:

On behalf of the Southern Regional Council, I want to express our appreciation for the contribution of the Edgar Stern Family Fund to the work of the Council. It is our hope that the Council can continue to merit the interest and support of the trustees of the Fund.

Sincerely,

Paul M.Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm
Enclosure - official receipt

March 3, 1961

Miss Noel Doster
106 Kenan Dormitory
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Miss Doster:

We are mailing you under separate cover some of our materials which we hope will be helpful to you in your project.

May we also suggest the following books, which you can probably find in the college library: Cash, Mind of the South; Myrdal, An American Dilemma; Dabbs, The Southern Heritage; Nicholls, Southern Tradition and Regional Progress.

M. M. Tumin, Segregation and Desegregation, is the most comprehensive bibliography of recent research. You will also find much bibliographical help in Desegregation: Some Propositions and Subjects by E. A. Suchman. The Journal of Negro Education is also a good source.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
Collins, The South and the Nation
School Desegregation: the first 6 years
Report on School Desegregation for 1960-61
L-Reports 5, 8, 10, 16, 17, 21, 23, 24

March 3, 1961

The Rev. Glen W. Trimble,
Director
Bureau of Research and Survey
National Council of the Churches of Christ
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Trimble:

We are sending to you the materials you requested for your daughter, since you said the request was urgent and you neglected to include your daughter's name and address. We hope these will be helpful to her.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
- The Student Protest Movement
- Toward a Solution of the Sit-in Controversy
- Lunch Counter Desegregation in .....Texas
- Settling a Sit-in (Nashville)
- Racial Violence and Law Enforcement
- Emotional Aspects of School Desegregation (would also apply to any desegregation)

March 3, 1961

Miss Eleanor French
United Church Women
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Eleanor French:

Mrs. Sonen took me to Miami in her car. She and Mrs. Muscat sat on the front seat so they could discuss the meeting for the next day. Mrs. Owen sat with me and more than before I found both Mrs. Muscat and Mrs. Sonen were more powerful figures than she.

Hearing these two leaders at Byrd Park Lodge, you know the meeting of NOW was well planned in every way. It was held in a large dining room of the Biscayne Terrace Hotel, overlooking the Bay. Every seat was taken. There were at least a dozen Negroes. I was told that there were representatives from many women's organizations, including the PTA and the League of Women Voters.

I am enclosing a program. The paragraph at the top of it sound good, but there was no plan whatever announced as to how this Florida NOW would try to keep open schools.

The panel was very fine. Dr. Manning began his speech by saying he believed in teachers being required to take a loyalty oath. Just why he felt he had to say this, I do not know. It had no bearing on his good speech which dealt with the moral side of the integration question. Donald Mackay presented the school issue from the church's standpoint. Mr. Fox, the economist, gave the figures of economic loss in Little Rock and Virginia.

Reverend Graham spoke from a parent's standpoint. He is a Negro and almost spoiled his able speech by saying it was expected to see a Negro's name at the last (his tone soon improved). The speakers had manuscripts and Mrs. Sonen said it might be possible for copies to be sent to those present.

I explained how NOW came to be and its concern about The White House Conference. I read them two paragraphs from the Findings (first two paragraphs on page 3.) As they had asked, I gave the stories of New Orleans and Athens, Georgia.

They are backed by The American Jewish Congress. They announced the $9,800 promised by the Field Foundation on a matching basis -- they seemed to have no doubt they would get it by June 1st. They also announced the $100.00-a-place dinner for Tuesday evening of this week, adding that two benefactors were underwriting the dinner so that a couple would have to pay only $35.00 for two tickets.

If they can help integration in Miami, it will be well -- and they may with the leadership they have. I wish, however, that their efforts could have been through the Council on Human Relations.

Mrs. Dave Bosworth, a former president of the Florida United Church Women, led a wonderful prayer at the opening. The Negro minister spoke of it and said he wished he had a copy of it. She told me there were few or no other UCWs present.

I have received the January minutes of NOW -- the first communication I've had from them. I never thought of being designated as "contact" person.

I enjoyed being with you. When I reached home, I found Mr. Tilly so much weaker. He will be in Georgia Baptist Hospital Monday; there is no room until then.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/mf
Enclosure - 1. (NOW Program)

March 6, 1961

Mrs. E. Pliny Shaw
Houston Council on Human Relations
3605 Fannin Street
Houston 4, Texas

Dear Mrs. Shaw:

I was pleased to hear from you and from Mrs. Dumbauld of your plans and progress since December. We were quite impressed here with your program for the interfaith workshop. It seemed quite exciting and significant and I hope the attendance lived up to your expectation.

The recommendations of your program committee show careful preparation and practical planning and represent a framework for action as well as a means of involving a significant portion of your growing membership. You have laid your groundwork carefully and are in a good position from the standpoint of membership, finance and organization. I am sure you will agree with me that the time has now come for the Houston Council to move forward with several action projects. It is important for an organization to be efficiently established before it moves. It is equally important that an organization move energetically before it loses its motivation and momentum. The desegregation of the San Jacinto Technical High School may well be the ideal first target for action by the Houston Council. Judging from just some of the topics listed for consideration of the cultural, educational and health committees, you would seem to be well underway toward the activation of your program machinery through a number of such action emphases.

We are placing your office on our New South mailing list, and are sending the 250 requested copies of the L-23 report. I might say that these have been mailed to all schools listed, and to some selected schools whom we thought might be interested. There will be no charge for either of these services.

Thank you for the helpful information concerning sit-in activities of the Negro students. We are removing Sherwood Mc Kee from our mailing list. I thought this had already been done.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

Sent: L-Report #23
Federal Executive and Civil Rights

March 6, 1961

Mr. Jim Dunnington
126 Sumner Street
Waterloo, Iowa

Dear Mr. Dunnington

We are mailing you, under separate cover, the copies of the report requested in your recent letter.

The L-Report on DESEGREGATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION will answer your question.

If we can be of additional aid, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/bcc

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March 6, 1961

The Rev. Norman C. Jimerson
102 Prince George Avenue
Hopewell, Virginia

Dear Mr. Jimerson:

The job of director of the Alabama Council on Human Relations is still open. If you are interested in being considered for this position, we would like to have biographical data on you right away.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

March 6, 1961

The Rev. Heslip Lee
First Baptist Church
Monticello and Gary
Springfield, Virginia

Dear Happy,

The job of director of the Alabama Council is, after all, available. Let me know if you are interested.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

March 6, 1961

Mr. Jessie H. Turner
Executive Vice President and Cashier
Tri-State Bank of Memphis
386 Beale Street
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Turner:

The Southern Regional Council would indeed appreciate the privilege of participating as a member of the Fayette-Haywood Counties national coordinating committee. There clearly is a need for an organized coordination effort and you are rendering a significant service to the situation by taking the lead in this effort.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to be represented directly at your meeting March 11. If we may, we would like to have our interest represented on this occasion through the Tennessee Council on Human Relations or its Memphis chapter. As you know, we work closely with this group. I know you are acquainted with the new director, Miss Katherine Jones. I would hope that the Tennessee Council can also become one of the participating agencies on the committee. I trust that it will be possible for me to be present at the future meeting of the committee.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

__via air mail special__ March 7, 1961

Mr. Lloyd K. Garrison
Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison
575 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Garrison:

Enclosed is a copy of the Charter of the Southern Regional Council, as requested this afternoon by Mrs. Levy of the Taconic Foundation.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1. (SRC Charter)

March 7, 1961

Mr. Edward S. Hollander
Chairman
Philadelphia Student Civil Rights
    Coordinating Committee
3601 Locust Street
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Hollander:

Your letter to Mr. Fleming of March 4 arrived during his absence from the office. I am, however, sending you a copy of our report, "The Federal Executive and Civil Rights," enclosed.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to the Director

MF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

March 7, 1961

Miss Mary M. Moats
1070 - 37th Street
Des Moines 11, Iowa

Dear Miss Moats:

In answer to your inquiry of February 28, I regret that no openings exist with the Council that would seem appropriate for your interests. If, however, you will send me somewhat more detailed information, I will be happy to keep it in mind. There are occasional openings on our staff which cannot be anticipated in advance, and we do infrequently learn of possibilities with other agencies in Atlanta and the South.

Also, you might write:

The National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials
Room 209, 426 West 58th Street
New York 19, New York

Miss Jean Fairfax
American Friends Service Committee
160 N. 15th Street
Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania

NAIRO maintains the most complete listing of openings in the field of intergroup relations. Miss Fairfax is in charge of the Southern race relations work of AFSC in the South and may well know of an appropriate opportunity.

I regret that I cannot offer more definite answers to your very fine and needed interest.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

March 7, 1961

Mr. Harry Fleischman
National Labor Service
165 East 56th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Fleischman:

Harold is away from the office for some time. Therefore, I am enclosing a copy of our updated list of interagency groups in the South. We no longer maintain a mimeographed list since the demand for this information does not warrant the frequent corrections that would be required.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1.

March 7, 1961

Mr. Jesse DeVore
Public Relations Assistant
N. A. A. C. P.
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. DeVore:

Mr. Fleming is away from the office for some time. Therefore, I am responding to your letter of the 1st.

We will be pleased to see Mr. Boardman and his group and to be of any possible service to them while they are in Atlanta.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

March 7, 1961

Mr. William M. Boardman
70 Howe Street
New Haven 11, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Boardman:

Mr. Fleming is away from the office for some time. Therefore, I am answering your letter of March 3.

We will be delighted to be of whatever help possible while you are in Atlanta. We would welcome having you and your group visit our office and spend some time with various members of our staff. We can make suggestions of persons to see and put you in touch with them.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

March 7, 1961

Mr. Lester Kabacoff
Edgar Stern Family Fund
521 Royal Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Kabacoff:

Enclosed is a copy of our financial statement taken from the Council's audit of 1960 operations. This includes an accounting of the New Orleans effort through December 31.

When the Project is completed we will, of course, provide a statement of the Project for the full period covered.

If additional information is needed, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Financial Statement, 1960)

March 7, 1961

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Harold is away for several days -- therefore, we have gone ahead with your request. Enclosed are copies of your statement and the Workman article.

Unfortunately, Workman seems to have become quite popular. We have seen copies of the article in question from the Stamford, Connecticut Advocate, and the Lynchburg, Virginia News.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA:mf
Enclosures

March 7, 1961

Mr. Jitsuichi Masuoka
Chairman
Department of Social Science
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Masuoka:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, the requested copies of the L-Reports. We also are placing your department on our mailing list for future such reports.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

March 7, 1961

Miss Jeanette Smith
Executive Secretary
Public Housing Administration
Housing and Home Finance Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Miss Smith:

Thank you for your letter of March 2.

Although Mr. Fleming is away from the office for a few days, we are sending you another copy of our report,"The Federal Executive and Civil Rights," which you requested. The copy is enclosed.

I'm sure Mr. Fleming will be pleased to know that the publication has been found useful by your Agency.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to the Director

MF
Enclosure - 1.

March 7, 1961

Mr. Edward G. Conroy
Executive Vice President
Youngstown Metropolitan Area Development
Citizens' Committee, Inc.
903 Union National Bank Building
Youngstown 3, Ohio

Dear Mr. Conroy:

In accordance with your request, we are placing you on our mailing list for materials of the Southern Regional Council.

If we can be of additional aid, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

March 7, 1961

Mrs. Wallis I. Schutt, President
United Church Women of Mississippi
955 Pecan Boulevard
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Schutt:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, seventy-five copies of the sermon by Rev. William Byrd, as published in the February issue of THE PULPIT.

We hope you will have a godd meeting; and if we can be of any additional aid, please let us know.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to Mrs. Tilly

/lec

via air mail special March 8, 1961

The Honorable Robert F. Kennedy
Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Kennedy:

Monday's luncheon meeting in the Department was a most enjoyable occasion for me, as for all of the participants from the South. My hope is that our comments and suggestions will prove helpful to you.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the group asked me to transmit to you our collective suggestions of persons who might be considered for membership on the new President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity. Enclosed is a brief list of names, with an identifying comment about each.

If I can be of further service in this or in any other respect, I hope you will call upon me.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

PERSONS SUITABLE FOR CONSIDERATION AS PUBLIC MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

JOHN HOPE, II -- (Negro)
Associate Director
Race Relations Department
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

One of the nation's most experienced specialists in problems of employment discrimination. He was a staff member of the first FEPC established by President Franklin D. Roosevelt and is the author of Equality of Opportunity. He has participated in many studies in this field and has served as consultant to such organizations as the National Manpower Council, the Southern Regional Council, labor unions, and corporations. Mr. Hope is exceptionally competent and well qualified in this field and would merit consideration as a principal staff person of the new Committee as well as a public member.

JOHN H. WHEELER -- (Negro)
President
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Participated in discussions of March 6, 1961. Widely respected in his home state and elsewhere as a business man and as an attorney in civil rights cases. He is well acquainted with problems of employment opportunity through his leadership in such organizations as the National Urban League, Southern Regional Council, the North Carolina Council on Human Relations, the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs, and others. (Biographical data sheet attached.)

BENJAMIN E. MAYS -- (Negro)
President
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Distinguished educator and religious leader.

McNEIL SMITH --(White)
Attorney
Suite 700 Jefferson Standard Building
Greensboro, North Carolina

Participated in discussions of March 6, 1961. Chairman of the North Carolina Advisory Committee to the U. S.

Commission on Civil Rights.

WHITNEY M. YOUNG, JR. -- (Negro)
18 Robinson Street, Apartment 32
Cambridge, Massachusetts
(Executive Disector designate of the National Urban League)

Currently doing graduate study at Harvard under a Rockefeller Foundation grant. Previously Dean, School of Social Work, Atlanta University and a former local Urban League executive.

ELI GINZBERG -- (White)
Economist
Columbia University
New York, New York

Author of The Negro Potential. Adviser, Department of Defense. Directed studies in the National Manpower Council.

March 9, 1961

Mr. Benjamin Muse
P. O. Box 312
Manassas, Virginia

Dear Ben:

Enclosed is the requested statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the Southern Leadership Project to March 1.

This would seem to indicate that the Project will have about $20,000 at the end of the fiscal year and total expenditures of about $40,000 for the full year.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1.

Same ltr. sent to SRC contributors.~~and friends~~

March 9, 1961

Mrs. Marion R. Ascoli
Marion R. Ascoli Fund
100 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Ascoli:

Enclosed is a copy of our financial statement taken from the Council's audit for 1960 operations.

If additional information is needed, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Financial Statement, 1960)

March 9, 1961

Mrs. Jessie S. Burnett
216 East Park Avenue
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Burnett:

John Constable has referred your letter of February 28 to this office, and I am enclosing herewith all available material pertaining to your area of study.

From friends in the New Orleans area we have learned that even at the height of Mardi Gras festivity some lesser known hotels had available rooms -- an unprecedented circumstance -- but, regretfully, other than the two enclosed Times-Picayune stories (and the Wall Street Journal article you indicate you have already seen), we have nothing in our files showing the economic effect of racial tensions on the carnival. Note that the enclosed statement hailing "the greatest Mardi Gras ever celebrated" comes from White Citizens Council officials and was, of course, to have been expected.

I am very sorry we do not have other material available, for certainly the topic you are studying is interesting and important.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/sm
Enclosures - Clips
Violence checks Southern industry boom
L- 2,3,4,5,11,19,21,24

VIA AIR MAIL March 9, 1961

Mr. A. E. Cox
Delta Foundation
833 Chambliss
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Gene:

I had a call from New York a moment ago which calls for a change of plan on the request to the Field Foundation. The first step, it seems, is for Taconic to pass its material on the Mississippi Project to Field. It may still be necessary to submit a formal request to Field, but meantime just sit tight.

For your guidance, you are not suppose to know anything about the idea of a Field Foundation matching grant.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 9, 1961

Mr. Daniel M. Berman
Staff Consultant
United States Senate
Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Berman:

I am sending you under separate cover a copy of THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE AND CIVIL RIGHTS.

If we can be of additional help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD/sm

same ltr. to: ~~Yarmolinsky~~
Oliver Hill
Robert Harris
Paul Sanders
William Foster
John Silard
Dan Pollitt
Dave Freeman
McNeil Smith
Harris Wofford

March 9, 1961

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
Office of the Secretary
Department of Defense
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Yarmolinsky:

The Federal Executive and Civil Rights has been in the public domain now for some weeks; the reception has been good in the press and, apparently, in Washington as well. The President's new employment order, which steered a course like that of our proposals, was especially gratifying.

For the information of our Board, we have prppared the enclosed summary of press coverage; we thought you might also be interested in it, as a souvenir of our December conference.

If you are not on one of our regular mailing lists, and would like to be, you have only to write. And if there are items you would want on the "Current Materials Available" list, also enclosed, let us know.

With best wishes and best thanks again,

Sincerely,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD/sm
Enclosures

March 9, 1961

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

A room has been reserved for you for the night of Friday, March 17, at the Piedmont Hotel.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

March 9, 1961

Mrs. Ruth Kent
Women's Director, WSB-TV
1601 West Peachtree, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Kent:

Only the serious illness of my husband has prevented me from expressing my personal thanks, the thanks of the committee and all the women present for your great part in our Facade of Brotherhood. It certainly was a great program.

We will have some follow-up meetings and I will let you know about them also.

Most grateful to you, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

(Dictated by Mrs. Tilly, signed in her absence)

Same letter mailed to:
Rev. John Mulroy
Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild
Dr. Leon Sm ith
Mr. Pat Watters

March 9, 1961

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays
President
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mays:

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Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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(Dictated by Mrs. Tilly, signed in her absence)

March 9, 1961

Mr. Webster L. Simons, Jr.
Rector
St. Michael's School
Bon Air 35, Virginia

Dear Mr. Simons:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, a number of copies of an informational piece concerning the Southern Regional Council.

If we can be of additional aid, please let us know.

Sincerely,

JohnCConstable
Director of Information

JC:lec

March 10, 1961

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street, Room 605
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Whatever the audit woes, don't let them bother you. If you run into serious difficulty, call on us. And, next year let's make arrangements for a new auditor!

As to the matter of initialing travel expenses, it was suggested at the state staff meeting that this might be a good thing to do. The reason behind this is the Internal Revenue Service ruling that travel expenses do not have to be accounted for in detail if they are reviewed and approved by a superior. This is actually a ruling applying to business -- and to the abuses of expense accounts in business. There is little likelihood that you would have difficulty under any circumstances. But, the visible proof that someone else in your organization has reviewed and approved any expense money paid you is a comfortable way to handle the matter -- and extra cautious.

Hope the opportunity will arise for me to visit soon.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

March 10, 1961

Mr. Joseph Haas
1116 First National Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

Following the last Executive Committee meeting, we had assumed that an occasion would arise when we would meet with you on several matters, particularly the handling of the committee of attorneys and a review of finances.

Current developments have, of course, altered these assumptions substantially. Therefore, I am enclosing a list of attorneys who are SRC Members and including several non-Members that meet your requirements. Also enclosed are copies of letters pertaining to our attempts to get a statement from Edward Bennett Williams.

On the matter of finances, we do need a meeting of the Finance Committee as soon as possible. We will be prepared to hold such a meeting next Saturday when the Executive Committee meeting is held. In the likely event that time will not permit a second meeting, perhaps you, Miss Wilkins and Mr. Milton can set a mutually convenient time before Miss Wilkins again leaves the city. It now looks as if we will be able to get out from under our oil holdings without serious loss. In this case, we will have a reserve fund of approximately $50,000 to invest in growth stocks of our own choosing.

We will particularly need the guidance of the finance committee on selecting specific stocks for this purpose. The enclosed memo on our position is being sent to each member of the finance committee.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures

March 10, 1961

Mr. M. Hayes Mizell
University of South Carolina
Box 2831
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Mizell:

Mr. Fleming has asked me to reply to your letter of March 8.

Unfortunately, it is very doubtful that we can offer anything in the way of summer employment that would meet your interests. However, we have received a num ber of similar requests and we do hope, later this month, to review our needs and determine if there is any way in which we can respond favorably to the fine and badly needed interests such as yours.

You will hear from us further if we have anything encouraging to report.

In the meantime, you might write Miss Jean Fairfax of the American Friends Service Committee. Miss Fairfax is in charge of the race relations work of AFSC in the South and much of this work in the summer includes students. Her address is: 160 N. 15th Street, Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania.

I deeply regret that our response cannot be more favorable at this time. Thank you for thinking of the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

March 19, 1961

Mr. Leland DeVinney
Associate Director
The Rockefeller Foundation
111 West 50th Street
New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. DeVinney:

Our 1960 Financial Statement has at last been completed, and I am enclosing two copies to supplement our request of January 18, 1961.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2.

March 10, 1961

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

After almost fourteen years with the Southern Regional Council, it is hard to contemplate the idea of leaving. A recent proposal was so compelling, however, that I had to consider it seriously. And after long and sometimes painful reflection, I have agreed to undertake the establishment and direction of a new independent agency in Washington to be financed by the Taconic Foundation.

You will know my feelings better than I can describe them. I cannot imagine ever again having as many warm associations or deep satisfactions as my work with the Council has afforded. But I am comforted somewhat by two considerations.

The first is that my new work will not take me out of the field of race relations, but will be an extension of the efforts in which we have all been engaged. I expect to be in close touch with the Council and the South, and in a position to be helpful to both.

Secondly, the Council is equipped in every way -- in leadership, staff, financial prospects, and reputation -- to continue with undiminished effectiveness and growth. For once, I am convinced, the departure of a Southerner will add to rather than subtract from the sum total of our joint efforts.

The first step in my new assignment will be to initiate, as a trustee and consultant of the Taconic Foundation, the creation of the new agency, tentatively called The Washington Institute. The Institute will be intended to serve as a center for the exchange of ideas and information, for working conferences, and for stimulation of timely studies of race relations and public policy. It will be housed in a small building of its own in downtown Washington and will be modestly staffed. I hope it will serve, among other things, as an unofficial Washington outpost for the Council.

I need hardly explain that there is some urgency about getting this operation under way while the new Administration is in an early and flexible stage. This is why I have requested a special meeting of the Executive Committee to consider the choice of a new director and related questions. Without intruding on the Committee's prerogatives, I do want to say that I am firmly of the opinion that the Council has within its own staff the talent and leadership from which to choose a successor.

Leaving the Council's staff will be a painful wrench for me, and I am immodest enough to think that it may cause others some regret. But I have no doubt, and hope others will have none, that the Council's best and most productive years are still before it.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

via air mail special March 13, 1961

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
Executive Vice President
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Max:

My schedule has sufficiently cleared up for me to tell you that I expect to be here in the office on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

As a matter of fact, I will be in New York -- the weather willing -- tomorrow, but since I will be there for less than a full day, I feared I might not be able to reach you. However, it will be fine if you can pay us a visit.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 13, 1961

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Services, Inc.
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

Mr. Wright has asked that I advise you that he and Mr. Dabbs will arrive in Savannah on Saturday, the 18th, via Delta Air Lines, Flight #441 at 9:35 p.m. We worked mightily to get them there earlier, or the next morning, but without success. So, apologies, as well as best wishes.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

March 13, 1961

Mr. Wayne H. Cowan
Managing Editor
Christianity and Crisis
537 West 121st Street
New York 27, New York

Dear Mr. Cowan:

You are welcome to publish my manuscript on "Universal Suffrage for Negroes." I have asked my secretary to retype it and mail you the original as soon as it is done.

I have noted with pleasure that you are to speak at the annual meeting of the National Civil Liberties Clearing House. If I make the meeting, as I hope to, I will look forward to hearing you.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 13, 1961

Mr. Nat Welch
Business Development
Auburn, Alabama

Dear Nat:

Your recent letter is most welcome, and we're grateful for the leadership you're giving the Alabama Council.

I am sharing your letter with Paul Rilling, our field director, who will want to be in touch with you. The materials you requested will also be mailed to you shortly.

My best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 13, 1961

Mr. Howard Higman, Chairman
Conference on World Affairs
University of Colorado
Boulder, Colorado

Dear Mr. Higman:

I am deeply embarrassed to find that I mislaid, and thus failed to answer, your letter of February 9. Please accept my apology.

I have heard a great deal about previous annual Conference on World Affairs and should like nothing more than to attend in April. Unfortunately, I cannot, since I will be in the midst of a change in jobs.

If you are good enough to invite me again, I will hope to be in position to accept.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 13, 1961

Mr. Charles H. Thompson
Editor
Journal of Negro Education
Howard University
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Dr. Thompson:

I am happy to send you two copies of our report, "The Federal Executive and Civil Rights." You are welcome to publish any or all of it in the Journal of Negro Education.

It was a pleasure seeing you last week, and I only wish we had had time for some real conversation.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2.

March 13, 1961

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

The enclosed letter from Guy Johnson is sent for your information and advice. Can we have your views on the alternatives Guy suggests?

I'm looking forward to seeing you this coming weekend.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

March 13, 1961

Mr. David A. Sawyer
Council on Human Relations
208 District Building
Washington 4, D. C.

Dear Dave:

I am at last back at my desk long enough to send you, as requested, seventy-five (75) copies of "The Federal Executive and Civil Rights," with bill. I am adding an additional twenty-five (25) complimentary copies, taking you up on your kind offer to distribute these to the persons who attended the Howard luncheon.

It was good to see you, as always, and I am looking forward to our continuing and cooperative relationship in the future.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

via air mail March 13, 1961

Mr. Harold Courlander
Talks & Features Branch
United States Information Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Courlander:

Here is a copy of my script on Negro suffrage, which, I am glad to report, was taped at WPLO this morning. It ran 5:40, which I trust is close enough.

If there is any problem about the tape or the content of the talk, feel free to call on me further.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

NEGRO VOTING RIGHTS IN THE SOUTH

By: Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Georgia

(Taped for Voice of America - 3/13/61)

It is basic to the American philosophy that a citizen's right to vote is the sovereign remedy for all his civic grievances. It was only natural, therefore, that the effort to abolish racial discrimination and segregation in schools and other facilities should bring to the fore the question of the Negro Southerner's access to the ballot.

In most of the United States, Negroes have voted as easily as whites during the past century. But in the South, the aftermath of slavery and the widespread pattern of segregation deprived most Negroes of the ballot for about fifty years. Then, in 1944, an historic decision of a Federal court in Texas sounded the death knell of legal disfranchisement. It held that Negroes no less than whites must be permitted to vote in the Democratic primaries, which have been the real elections in the one-party South.

In the seventeen years since, Negroes have made substantial gains in the use of the ballot. In 1940 there were an estimated 200,000 registered Negro voters in the South, most of them eligible to vote only in general elections, which were of minor importance in choosing state office-holders. By 1947 there were an estimated 595,000 Negro registrants qualified to vote in the decisive Democratic primaries. This initial period was one of spectacular progress in some states -- in Georgia, for example, more than 125,000 Negro voters were registered within a few months. By 1952 the Southwide total had climbed to approximately one million, and now it stands at about a million and a quarter.

The situation today may be briefly summed up as follows:

In most of the larger cities of the South, Negroes can and do vote with the same ease as their fellow white Southerners. Their political strength has won them respect and consideration from public officials and candidates for office. In some of these cities, Negroes have been elected or appointed to such public bodies as school boards and city councils. In every case, the existence of a substantial Negro electorate has helped smooth the path toward desegregation of schools, libraries, parks, golf courses, lunch counters, and other public and private facilities.

In many rural counties of the Deep South, a less encouraging situation exists, one that has properly aroused national concern and has had wide publicity. This is the so-called "Black Belt" area where Negroes are still frequently deprived of the right to vote by discriminatory methods, and occasionally by intimidation or violence. Studies have shown that the typical county in which such discrimination exists is still mainly a rural, farm area where large land-holding and farm tenancy are common, where there is little or no industry, where the average educational achievement is low, where per capita income is small, where the proportion of Negroes is high, and where the total population is shrinking because of outmigration.

Yet there are powerful forces -- economic and cultural -- that are making for gradual progress in the "Black Belt" as well as more rapid gains in the other, less difficult areas of the South.

First, there is the growing national determination, as expressed through the Federal Government and public opinion, to wipe out discrimination at the polls. Congress has passed two recent laws, one in 1957 and another in 1960, to speed up this process.

Second, the steady movement of people from farm to city means, in the case of Negroes, a shift from discriminatory to permissive voting situations. As city-dwellers, their political influence grows.

Third, the rising status of Negroes, as reflected in education and income, coincides with growing militancy. Their new insistence on equal treatment, most dramatically expressed by the student protest movement, will hasten the achievement of full voting rights. And it will eliminate the apathy that in many areas is the only remaining obstacle to political participation by Negroes.

Finally, it is a measure of the changing times that almost no important Southern spokesman today publicly defends denial of the ballot on racial grounds.

Growing enlightenment among white Southerners, coupled with the efforts of Negroes themselves and the firm support of the national government, gives promise that within a few years no American will be denied the vote because of his color.

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March 1961

March 13, 1961

Vertical File Index
The H. W. Wilson Company
950 University Avenue
New York 52, New York

Dear Sir:

In response to your card concerning prices for Southern Regional Council materials, "Racial Crisis and the Press" is thirty cents per copy; "Toward A Solution of the Sit-In Controversy" by Margaret Price is ten cents per copy. We have sufficient quantity of both publications to supply requests.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lee

March 13, 1961

Mr. Benjamin Muse
Box 312
Manassas, Virginia

Dear Ben:

Thanks for sending us the cards. We have them straightened out now.

Copy for April NEW SOUTH is already at the printers and so your editorial could probably be used in the May issue. I should like a copy around the first of April for this issue if possible. Could you give me some indication of a subject you had in mind.

Your book has come and it looks quite impressive, but I have not had a chance to read it yet. We will of course review it in an upcoming issue of NEW SOUTH.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

March 13, 1961

Mr. Robert S. Wilson
Editor
Public Affairs Information Service, Inc.
11 West 40 Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Thank you for your letter concerning indexing of NEW SOUTH and in the future, the magazine will be sent directly to you.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

March 13, 1961

Miss Helen Lowe Auble
Caribbean Publications
Box 1592
St. Thomas, Virgin Islands

Dear Miss Auble:

Jesse DeVore has asked me to send you some material concerning economic losses in Little Rock. These are enclpsed.

If we can be of additional aid, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

March 13, 1961

Miss Helena Bailie
Executive Secretary
Broward Council on Human Relations
1701 New River Lane, S. W.
Ft.Lauderdale, Florida

Dear Miss Bailie:

Through an error here in the office, I find the 15 copies of "Racial Violence and Law Enforcement" were not mailed to you. They are being sent today. Enclosed is a copy of our materials listing which includes the pamphlets about which you inquired.

We are mailing you, under separate cover, a couple of promotional pieces concerning the Council. If you think copies of this would be helpful to you, please let us know and we will send them free of charge.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

March 14, 1961

Miss Diane Creeden
114 Lower Beverly Hills
West Springfield, Mass.

Dear Miss Creeden:

Dr. Brooks Hays has forwarded to us your letter of February 23, and requested that we send you some of our materials. We are mailing them to you under separate cover, and hope you will find them helpful in writing your term paper on segregation.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
- The Negro and the Ballot
- The Student Protest Movement
- School Desegregation: the first six years

March 14, 1961

Mr. B. Calvin Bass
Rice
Virginia

Dear Mr. Bass:

Your comments regarding our special report on the Virginia private schools (prepared for us by Mary Ellen Goodman) are very much appreciated. We have sent a copy of your letter to Mrs. Goodman.

The requested copy was mailed to you yesterday, and copies were mailed to Mrs. Eaddy and Mr. Hopkins.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

March 14, 1961

Professor Donald S. Strong
Department of Political Science
University of Alabama
University, Alabama

Dear Professor Strong:

I should have sent your check off sooner, but I have been frantically busy since our Washington excursion and my secretary has been home sick. Once again, many thanks for your participation and your excellent contribution.

The man you asked about is Burke Marshall, and he is the new Assistant Attorney General in charge of Civil Rights Division, which makes him, I think, very nearly the key man.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosure: check $105.17

March 14, 1961

The Rev. Nat R. Griswold
Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

I shall have to hold off for another week or two regarding the NAIRO Regional Meeting. I would like to come, but I cannot commit myself just yet. You will be hearing from me again.

Enclosed is a listing of our file divisions of newspaper clippings. It is pretty elaborate as it stands and we frequently have tommake it more so. For example, from 1957 through 1959 we have in addition to an"education, Arkansas" folder an "education, Little Rock" file which was broken up into separate folders for each month. Since last September our "education, Louisiana" file has had a folder for each month. We had to set up a separate folder for the University of Georgia crisis. Etc. Our sit-in file is a special and at the present rather unhappy case. For 1960 it consisted of a whole drawer, filed by day. Sometime when we have some extra help I hope to get it reorganized on a locality basis. But this will give you an idea of our system.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:A
Enclosure: CC file classifications

March 14, 1961

Mr. Will Allred
Apartment 107-C
Bernard Street
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Will:

You're a brave man -- and a persistant one. To the extent that it's possible, I'm glad to help, but still suggest that you limit your reporting of finances as much as possible.

For what it's worth, I have made a copy of our analysis of foundation income, 1954 to present. Please note that this is an informal working sheet. The dates shown are when the income was used, not necessarily when received. They would not, therefore, correspond with the audit. For your purposes I believe the only real significance is the rise of income over a period of years -- and the very low foundation income (other than from the Fund for the Republic) for the period 1954-56. Nor does the analysis make any distinction between "general operations" income and that for special projects. You are free to draw any conclusions from the analysis that is possible, but I trust you understand that the analysis as enclosed cannot be formally used by us -- or as a part of your thesis. This is so mainly because it does not correspond to the audit and would inevitably raise questions.

For general guidance, I suspect that you will still find my memo of September 23, 1960 to be of more value for your purposes.

As to the matter of the Fund for the Republic being handled separately in the audits, there are several reasons. Most of the money from the Fund came in several large grants to be spread over a period of years for more than one project or purpose. Thereafter, a separate accounting was required -- to document the receipt of the funds and to indicate the expenditures under the separate headings or "departments." Also, the very nature of the grants, particularly the amounts, indicated a special handling and included special responsibilities of reporting to the Fund. And, as in the case of the enclosed analysis, some separate accounting was desirable to show income in amounts and sources other than the one major income.

If there are more questions, I'll be happy to give them a try. No hurry, but whenever you have finished with it, I would like to have the analysis back. It represents quite a bit of work and would have continuing value to us here.

The Alabama Council is in need of a good director. Are you interested?

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1.

via air mail March 14, 1961

Mr. G. A. Key
Chattanooga Public Schools
Orchard Knob Elementary School
400 Orchard Knob Avenue
Chattanooga 4, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Key:

Thank you for your letter of March 8th. I shall be happy to serve on the Human Relations Panel at the Annual Meeting of the Tennessee Education Congress.

My present plans are to arrive in Nashville on the 17th at 7:54 a.m. Therefore, I should be at the meeting beginning at 9:00 a.m. without difficulty.

I look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

March 15, 1961

Mrs. Alison Cherry Marer
310 West 105th Street
New York 25, New York

Dear Mrs. Marer:

It was indeed pleasant hearing from you again, and please accept my congratulations and best wishes for your marriage!

Bill and I both remember your and Carole's visit with pleasure and enjoyed showing you some of Atlanta and telling you something of the problems of the South.

We here at the Council do appreciate your contribution of twenty dollars toward our work. We have placed your name on our mailing list for NEW SOUTH and other materials.

I am also pleased to hear that your husband will be working for the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division. It seems as though the Kennedy administration is serious in its promises to do somtthing about the Civil Rights program.

Again thanks and with very best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

March 15, 1961

Mrs. Moreland Smith
3236 Bankhead
Montgomery 6, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Smith:

Good for you! I think it was find that you went to the Department of Justice and hope you will do so again whenever you may be in Washington and have things to report. Those people need to get the feel of the South, especially in a situation such as Montgomery. Since I saw you, I have been up there too.

Let me tell you again how much I enjoyed your hospitality when I was in Montgomery. Please give my best to Mr. Smith.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

March 15, 1961

Professor Robert J. Steamer
Department of Government
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Bob:

Thank you for sending me a reprint of The Supreme Court and Constitutional Liberty at Mid-Century: The 1958-59 Term as a Key. I have now read it with great interest. It is a fine job. In a few paragraphs toward the end, you have done the best and most incisive critique I have seen of the Frankfurter position. It seems to me you reached the nub when you, on page 122, say "the masses did not create due process of law nor freedom of dissent nor freedom of religious conscience. Is it not too much to ask that the masses see to their preservation?"

On this matter of "balancing of interest" I once tried my hand with a piece in the Virginia Law Review. So far as I know, no one ever paid any attention to it and it undoubtedly left behind a lot of free-wheeling gnats and undigested camels. One or two things in it seemed, and seem, to be valid. In the old game of tit for tat I am enclosing a copy.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosure

March 15, 1961

Mr. Robert J. Greene
American Jewish Committee
National Civil Liberties Clearing House
1637 Massachusetts Avenue N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Green:

We are sending under separate cover 100 copies each of The Federal Executive and Civil Rights; George McMillan, Racial Violence and Law Enforcement; Spearman & Meyer, Racial Crisis and the Press. This is in response to your letter of March 3rd.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Mailed separately: items above

March 15, 1961

Dr. Thomas Pettigrew
Department of Social Relations
Harvard University
Emerson Hall
Cambridge 38, Mass.

Dear Tom:

Enclosed are a few notes regarding desegregation in places listed in my last letter. I hope they can be of some help. Your letter of March 6 put me to work. I do have a better opinion of Mary Ellen Goodman's report than you have, so your letter forced me to read it over. I think I would still have some mild dissent from your criticisms. For example, she seems to me to question as you do that the "pro-segregation intensity" will continue; see top of page 20 to middle or page 21 and page 27. Also, though she does not by any means speak as plainly as you do, I did think and still do that her report makes the point which your letter does--that these schools can either become upper class academies or façades to save face while the public schools integrate. Mary Ellen, on page 26 indicates her doubts that the "elite" will give the schools the support they need for the first alternative.

Mary Ellen wrote this in a very low key and this, as I told you, caused us some problems here. I was hoping, however, that the criticisms would come through clearly enough. You might be interested to know that Leon Duer was maddened by the report to the point of writing a long, pseudo-philosophical letter; he thought she did not understand the profundity of "freedom of association." (No one does except him.) We have had also very complimentary and unsolicited letters from public school people both from Front Royal and Prince Edward, plus a glowing note--this I shall file next to your letter--from Sarah Patton Boyle.

But I was a lonely defender at SRC for so long of Mary Ellen Goodman's report that I have learned full well that not everyone read it as I did, and for the title I am to blame.

Thank you for the clarification, which I should not have needed, about the mountain vote for Faugus in 1956. Assuming the other "mountain boy" got his support from the mountains, your point certainly is valid.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosure: report

1. Fayetteville, Ark.

    (a) Public Schools - 1954
    (b) University of Arkansas - 1948

2. Little Rock

    (a) Public Schools - 1957-58
    (b) Philander Smith (previously all Negro) - Date?
    (c) Buses - Date?
    (d) Libraries - (Do not serve children, however, according to 1954 survey.)

3. Miami

    (a) Public Schools - 1959-60
    (b) University of Miami - announced Winter, 1961
        Dade County Junior College - 1960
    (c) Buses - Date?
    (d) Libraries - Date? (Prior to 1954)
    (e) Municipal golf courses - 1958
    (f) Lunch counters in 4 chains of stores - Aug. 1, 1960

4. Lexington

    (a) Public Schools - 1955-56
    (b) College of the Bible - Date?
        University of Kentucky - 1949 Graduate level;
        ? Undergraduate level
    (c) Library - Date? (Prior to 1954)
    (d) Lunch Counters - 1960

5. Frankfort

    (a) Public Schools - 1956-57
    (b) Kentucky State College (Previously all-Negro) - Date?
    (c) Lunch counters - 1960

6. Louisville

    (a) Public Schools - 1956-57
    (b) Bellarmine College - Date?
        Nazarette College "
        Southern Baptist Theological Seminary - Date?
        University of Louisville - Date?
        Ursuline College - Date?
    (c) Buses - Date?
    (d) Libraries - Date? (Prior to 1954)
    (e) Municipal golf courses - 1955

7. Charlotte
   (a) Public Schools - 1957-58
   (b) Johnson C. Smith University (Previously all-Negro) - Date?
   (c) Buses - Date?
   (d) Three city swimming pools, 1960
   City Golf courses - 1957
   (e) Lunch counters - July 9, 1960

8. Greensboro
   (a) Public schools - 1957-58
   (b) Women College of UNC - Date?
   (c) A & T (previously all-Negro) - Date?
   Bennett College (previously all-Negro) - Date?
   (c) Buses - Date?
   (d) Libraries (limited service) - Date (Prior to 1954)
   (e) Lunch counters - July 25, 1960

9. Winston-Salem
   (a) Public schools - 1957-58
   (b) Buses - Date?
   (c) City golf courses - 1956
   (d) Lunch counters - May 25, 1960

10. Durham
   (a) Public schools - 1957-58
   (b) Buses - Date?
   (c) Lunch counters - August 1, 1960

11. Chapel Hill
   (a) Public schools - 1960-61
   (b) University of North Carolina - 1951
   (c) Lunch counters - 1960

12. Raleigh
   (a) Public schools - 1960-61
   (b) North Carolina State College - Date?
   (c) Shaw University (previously all-Negro) - Date?
   (c) Buses - Date?
   (d) Lunch Counters - August 18, 1960

13. Oklahoma City
   (a) Public schools - 1955
   (b) Oklahoma City University - Date?
   (c) Libraries - Date?
   (d) Lunch counters and restaurants - 1958
   (e) Additional lunch counters - 1960

14. Knoxville
   (a) Public schools - 1960-61
   (b) University of Tennessee - 1952, Graduate level
   1960, Undergraduate level
   (c) Buses - Date?
   (d) Libraries (adults only in 1954) - Date? (Prior to 1954)
   (e) Three parks: Tyson, Chilhowee, and Cowan - 1955
   (f) Lunch Counters - July 18, 1961

15. Oak Ridge
    (a) Public schools - 1955-56
    (b) Swimming pool and other municipal facilities - Date?
    (c) "Playhouse," Chamber Music and Concert Series - Date?
    (d) Lunch Counters - 1960

16. Nashville
    (a) Public schools - 1957-58
    (b) Parochial schools - 1954 (fall)
    (c) Scarritt College for Christian Workers - Date?
        Vanderbilt University "
        Fisk University (previously all-Negro) "
        Peabody College "
        Meharry Medical College (previously all-Negro) Date?
    (d) Buses - Date?
    (e) Libraries (adults only at time of 1954 survey) Date? (Prior to 1954)
    (f) Municipal golf courses - 1956
    (g) Lunch counters - May 10, 1960

17. Austin
    (a) Public schools - 1955
    (b) Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary - Date?
        Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest "
        Lutheran Concordia College "
        St. Edwardo University "
        University of Texas "
    (c) Libraries - Date? (prior to 1954)
    (d) All public recreation facilities - 1956
    (e) Lunch counters - 1960

18. Houston
    (a) Public Schools - 1960-61
    (b) Texas Southern University (previously all-Negro) - Date?
    (c) Municipal golf courses - 1954
    (d) Lunch counters - 1960

19. Alexandria
    (a) Public schools - February, 1959
    (b) Lunch counters - 1960

20. Charlottesville
    (a) Public schools - 1959-60
    (b) Buses - Date?
    (c) Lunch counters - 1960

21. Fairfax County
    (a) Public schools - 1960-61
    (b) Lunch counters - June, 1960
    (c) Buses - Date?

22. Norfolk
    - (a) Public schools - February, 1959
    - (b) Norfolk Division, College of William & Mary - Date?
    - (c) Buses - Date?
    - (d) Libraries - Date? (prior to 1954)
    - (e) Lunch counters - July 25, 1960
    - (f) Department store dining rooms - February 4, 1961

23. Richmond
    - (a) Public schools - 1960-61
    - (b) Medical College of Virginia - Date?
      Presbyterian School of Christian Education- Dates?
      Richmond Professional Institute, College of William & Mary - Date?
      Union Theological Seminary - Date?
      Virginia Union University (previously all-Negro) - Date?
    - (c) Buses - Date?
    - (d) Lunch counters - August 30, 1960
    - (e) Department store dining rooms - February 20, 1961

24. Roanoke
    - (a) Public schools - 1960-61
    - (b) Buses - Date?
    - (c) Libraries - Date? (Prior to 1954)
    - (d) Lunch counters - 1960

BCC: Ralph Purcell, U. of Delaware, Newark
also thermafax of Henderson letter

March 15, 1961

Mr. Earl H. Henderson
International Representative
Fair Practices Department
Region 8, UAW
3304 Capital Trail, Cranston Heights
Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Mr. Henderson:

Harold has asked me to reply to your letter of March 3. We don't have much additional material to send you regarding race relations committees. As you may know, the State of Kentucky has recently created one; it is still in the stage of getting started, but I would suggest that you write for more information to Galen Martin, executive director, Kentucky Commission on Human Relations, 311 Capitol Bldg., Frankfort, Ky. You might also write for information about the Oklahoma commission established by executive order of the governor. I have seen little on it yet and know of little it has done, but it has got together some good people. Write to Oklahoma Commission on Human Relations, c/o Executive Chambers, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. I recently read the annual report of the Missouri Commission on Human Rights and thought it was a most interesting job. We have only one copy, but I would think you could get a copy by writing to: Gregory E. Shinert, Executive director, 705 Walsh Street, Jefferson City, Mo. The Fowler Commission in Florida has, as you probably know, expired. I am enclosing a couple of things they put out which may interest you. Let me know if we can be of any other help.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:A
Enclosures: L-22, Recommended Approach

March 15, 1961

Rev. C. D. Moore
Chattanooga Unitarian Church
1211 Dodds Avenue
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Moore:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, some information concerning the Southern Regional Council. We do not maintain a general mailing list but a subscription to NEW SOUTH, a sample copy enclosed, would keep you abreast of most of our other materials.

If we can be of additional aid, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Encl.

March 15, 1961

Mr. Thomas G. Pullen, Jr.
State Superintendent of Schools
301 West Preston Street
Baltimore 1, Maryland

Dear Mr. Pullen:

In answer to your query concerning the portion of the February, 1961, *New South* article dealing with desegregation of colleges in Maryland, the source for this portion of the material was November, 1960, *Southern School News*.

The New South article stated that "the five state teachers colleges, two Negro and three white, began operating with policies of desegregation in 1955." Again, with *Southern School News* as its source, the article stated that "desegregation has occurred at four of the five." *Southern School News* indicated that, as yet, actual desegregation had not occurred at the fifth school.

In regard to closing of the fifth school, the *New South* wording is perhaps too strong. *Southern School News* states "the remaining Negro school is all-Negro and its termination at some future time has been called 'inevitable' by the state school superintendent."

We will be glad to publish a clarifying statement similar to the above or one from you in the April, *New South*. Please let me know your wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

March 16, 1961

Price Waterhouse and Company
56 Pine Street
New York 5, New York

Gentlemen:

We have been asked by Mr. Stephen R. Currier, President of the Taconic Foundation, Inc., to confirm the contributions received during the period September 1, 1960 - December 31, 1960. We have received the following contributions from the Taconic Foundation:

September 16, 1960	$25,000.00
December 12, 1960	$25,000.00

If additional information is needed, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 16, 1961

The Rev. C. E. Hubbard
Rising Star Baptist Church
2617 Globe Avenue
Lubbock, Texas

Dear Mr. Hubbard:

We appreciate hearing from you and learning of the plans of the Lubbock Ministers Interdenominational Alliance. I am not sure that we can offer much in the way of helpful advice. It is always difficult to see a situation from this far away.

You raised a question of the problem of desegregating Texas Tech. Of course, the courts have already ruled on several cases involving public colleges and universities in Texas and most of those have already desegregated. Your approach is somewhat dependent on the center of resistance. Is the problem one of resistance by the college officials, of lack of qualified applicants, or what? I would hope that you are in touch with friendly persons on the faculty of Texas Tech. They would be in a particularly good position to suggest the most effective procedure. A conference with the college administration might indicate whether or not there is receptivity. If not, the next procedure would seem to be the official filing of application by several clearly qualified persons who would be willing to see through a legal fight if necessary. The NAACP is usually willing to provide legal assistance in cases of this sort. The issue of the scholarship benefits could be pressed with greater success in futuse years if the student body is already desegregated.

In the area of fair employment practices, one helpful first step is to survey the actual situation within the community and thus have a clear grasp of the facts. It is important to remember that so far as federal employment or industries with government contracts may be concerned, there are two committees that have been set up by the president. These two committees will shortly be combined into one -- the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity, according to a recent announcement by President Kennedy.

We are sending on some materials related to your concerns. In addition, I am taking the liberty of adding your name to our mailing list so that you will receive future publications of the Council. Please let us know if we can be of further help.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

March 16, 1961

Mr. William P. Miller
6318 Walhonding Road
Washington 16, D. C.

Dear Mr. Miller:

We have mailed you today, under separate cover, some materials which we believe will be helpful during the preparation of civil rights legislation for the mock legislature held by the American University Civil Rights Committee in April.

Best wishes for a successful session!

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

P.S. In case you are interested, our report on violence, intimidation and reprisals in the South was reprinted in full in a government publication which should be available in your library: Hearings Before the Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights of the Committee on the Judiciary, U. S. Senate, 86th Congress. Part 3--Appendix, pp. 1573-1603. (Published by U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, 1959.). Our supply is exhausted.

Mailed separately:
  Federal Executive and Civil Rights
  Report on School Desegregation for 1960-61
  School Desegregation: the first six years
  The Negro and the Ballot in the South
  The Negro Voter in the South
  McMillan, Racial Violence and Law Enforcement
  New South, Oct. 1959; April 1960

March 16, 1961

Mr. Raymond B. Fosdick
25 East 83rd Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Fosdick:

At the suggestion of Miss Mina Shaughnessy, we have put you on our mailing list to receive publications of the Council. I am also sending you enclosed two recent items.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosures:
The Federal Executive & Civil Rights
McMillan, Racial Violence and Law Enforcement

March 16, 1961

Dr. F. J. Potgieter
c/o Mr. Hodding Carter
Delta-Democrat Times
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Dr. Potgieter:

A reservation has been made for you for the period March 23 - 28 at the Cox-Carlton Hotel, 683 Peachtree Street, Atlanta.

I am sorry that we have not contacted you earlier on this matter. We do look forward to seeing you here at the office on the morning of the 24th and will be happy to do anything possible to make your visit a worthwhile one.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

March 16, 1961

Dr. Jerry Walker
St. James Methodist Church
4611 Ellis Avenue
Chicago 53, Ill.

Dear Dr. Walker:

I am enclosing verifax copies of two items which seem to us, after reviewing what we have, best suited to your needs. The brochure, "The Citizens Council," came out in 1954 but is still the handiest statement. You will notice that it speaks specifically for the Mississippi Council. Mississippi has always been the center of the Citizens Councils, and this particular document is used all over.

If we can be of any other help, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosures: The Citizens' Council
The Eight IFS

March 16, 1961

Professor Donald Matthews
Department of Political Science
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Don:

Enclosed is the study which I told you about; I would like to have it back sometime. As I said to you on the telephone, this should be kept fairly restricted for the time being and I would prefer that you not show it to widely around. What I would like to have from you or one of your colleagues is a rough appraisal of the apparent validity of the survey in terms of its methodology. Other than this, I hope you will find it interesting.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

March 16, 1961

Mr. Nat Welch
Business Development
Auburn, Alabama

Dear Mr. Welch;

We are sending under separate cover the material you requested. The Southern Regional Council is not a membership organization, but perhaps the piece on the origin and aims of the Council that we are sending will meet your needs.

New South is circulated only on a subscription basis. If the persons you listed in your letter are contributors to the Alabama Council, perhaps the Alabama Council would be willing to handle the modest price of their New South subscriptions. In glancing over the lists which have come in last year from the Birmingham office, I notice that you, the Rev. McLeod, Mr. Loeb, and Mr. Zigman are already receiving New South. It may be that the others you listed are also included, but I would suggest that you check with the office secretary. Most of our state groups have a policy of supplying their key contributors with this subscription.

We will be happy to place these names on our mailing list for other Southern Regional Council publications, if you wish.

We are gratified here to learn that you have agreed to serve as vice president of the Alabama Council. We are anxious here to do whatever we can to assist the Council in its program. I look forward to meeting you on a future trip to Alabama.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/am

March 16, 1961

Mrs. Frank W. Anderson, Jr.
3239 Gilmer Avenue
Montgomery 5, Alabama

Dear Jose:

It is always difficult to know when to come out into the open with this kind of group. Generally speaking, it seems to be true that a group concerned only with preserving open schools can rarely attract much notice or following unless and until there is a clear and present danger to the schools. Of course, the more status people you can involve before becoming public, the better.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

P.S. I am sending separately 100 copies of "Can We Afford to Close Our Public Schools." This exhausts our supply and we have asked the Anti-Defamation League to forward you the additional hundred copies. I am also sending a copy of When a City Closes Its Schools, which has just come in.

March 16, 1961

The Rev. John B. Evans
First Presbyterian Church
154 South Gay Street
Auburn, Alabama

Dear Mr. Evans;

Harold Fleming asked me to respond to your letter of March 9. A number of groups have helped in the effort for open schools in the South in recent years. Among the more prominent, and I include names and addresses in the event that you would like to write for details of how these groups have operated;

Dr. J. L. Blair Buck
310 Hillwood Road
Richmond 26, Virginia
(Virginia Committee for Public Schools)

Mrs. N. H. Sand
Save Our Schools
1447 Granada
New Orleans, La.

Mrs. Joe R. Brewer
Women's Emergency Committee
P. O. Box 3244 Forest Heights Station
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dr. Robert Lancaster
Committee for Public Education
P. O. Box 8192
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dr. Leslie Addison
Organization for Public Education
P. O. Box 14604, Southeast Station
Baton Rouge, La.

We are sending on some of the materials prepared by these groups. I underatand that the HOPE people are writing you directly. Please let us know if we can be of additional help.

With best wishes to you and to your group in its important undertaking.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

Sent Separately: Organizing to Save Public Education
Can we afford to close public schools
If the Schools Are Closed
Close our Schools?
SOS pamphlet
When a City Closes it s Schools
Our Stake in New Orleans Schools (SOS)
Constitutional aspects of school closing
L - 11,14,10, 5, 4, 3, 24
Private Business & Public Education in South

March 16, 1961

Miss Rosella Hill
331 College Street
Asheville, North Carolina

Dear Rosella:

We would like to make a contribution of $200 to the Burnsville Church which has been assisting with an educational effort there. Let me know if the funds are still needed and if we could use the same channel of transmission as was previously employed.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

March 16, 1961

Mr. Irving Schulman
Anti-Defamation League
535 Gravier Street
Suite 806
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Irv:

It was good to see you last week in New Orleans. Your constructive work with SOS has been appreciated by Mary and the group and will continue to be much needed in the weeks ahead.

The day after leaving you, I had a conference with Henry Cabirac who is apparently going to be the staff secretary of a new "Catholic Human Relations Council" in New Orleans. You are probably already aware of this effort. He indicated that, although Catholic, the organization would be open to all persons sharing its general objectives and he hopes for some non-Catholic involvement. He will probably be calling on you for some advice and guidance.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

March 16, 1961

Mr. Mathew H. Ahmann
Executive Director
National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice
21 West Superior Street
Chicago 10, Illinois

Dear Mat:

I had a pleasant and I hope constructive meeting with Henry Cabirac last week in New Orleans. I was quite favorably impressed with his commitment and his realistic approach to his project of a Catholic human relations council. I made a few suggestions on future program and the launching of the effort in public, but he had things quite well in hand, I thought, and I found myself in agreement with most of his ideas. I think you have a good man there.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

March 16, 1961

Mr. Joseph E. Cunneen
CROSS CURRENTS
West Nyack, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Cunneen:

Although we did not put out a press release on the enclosed reprint, "This I Believe," by Dr. Haywood N. Hill, we are sending two copies for your possible interest.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Enclosure

sent Also to Current
without letter

March 16, 1961

Mr. Q. D. Gasque
Warren County Superintendent
of Schools
Front Royal, Virginia

Dear Mr. Gasque:

Belatedly, I have read the Richmond News-Leader's report of your statement at the Williamsburg conference. According to the dispatch, it was a "prepared statement" and if you have a carbon available I shall be greatly interested in receiving one.

We were very pleased that you found Dr. Goodman's study interesting and useful.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:A

BCC: Oscar Cohen, plus thermafax Zimmerman letter & proposal

March 16, 1961

Professor Gabriel A. Zimmerman
4612 Hampton Road
La Canada, California

Dear Professor Zimmerman:

We were greatly interested in reading your recent letter and learning of your research plans. I hope you shall be successful in securing what additional funds you will need. Unfortunately, we are not in a position to help financially with the basic research. If we can be of service to you by supplying materials or in any other way, please let me know.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:A

March 16, 1961

Dr. Haywood N. Hill
46 Fifth Street N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Hill:

We are sending you 25 copies of our reprint of your address, "This I Believe." We hope that you will find the format satisfactory. If you would wish additional copies, please let us know. Also, if you would like for us to mail copies to anyone, we shall be glad to do so if you would give us the names and addresses.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosure: 25 copies
This I Believe

March 16, 1966

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: BM ; CC to J. J. Brewbaker
C. S. Cartwright

Dear Ben:

We have received the attached correspondance from board member Cartwright. When you have had a chance to read it I think we should respond to him. He raises an interesting question which I think affords us another opportunity to outline the concept of the Leadership Project.

Leslie W. Dunbar

P.S.

Dear Bert:

The point you raise about the Leadership program is one of which we have not been unmindful, though there is much to be said for the present approach. You will be hearing from us again after Ben has had a chance to comment on your letter.

Best wishes,

Leslie W. Dunbar

March 16, 1961

Mr. Stanley M. Sigel
P. O. Box 553
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Sigel:

Thank you for your letter of the 13th and your interest in joining the staff of the Southern Regional Council.

We do not have an appropriate opening at the present time, although we will keep this information on file and let you know if anything should develop. As one minor point, our general policy is to employ mainly persons from the South on our professional staff. Since your resume does not indicate this, would you be good enough to let me know a little more of your background. Would you also include your minimum salary requirement?

I am enclosing a brief description of the Council and its work in order that you may understand a little more about our operation.

While we do not have an opening, I do feel that your background and skills are quite impressive and we will be particularly aware of any opening in which you might be interested.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

Enclosure - 1.

March 16, 1961

Mr. William Bagwell
American Friends Service Committee
Southeastern Regional Office
1818 S. Main Street
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Bill:

Our records indicate we mailed you all the available back issues of NEW SOUTH which you requested on December 2,1960. We can't understand why they were not received since the package apparently has not been returned to our office.

We will send another packet of the issues we have available. We do not have every issue in stock.

Sorry about the delay but I can not understand why you did not receive the package or why it was not returned to us.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/bcc
Encl.

March 17, 1961

Miss Marlene M. Seipel
YCS President
Marian College
39-D E. Division Street
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

Dear Miss Seipel:

One of the reasons that segregation has persisted in the South is that so many Americans have felt, as you said your fellow students feel, that it does not concern them. However, there is increasing realization that segregation is a national problem that concerns all of us; it is, moreover, an international problem which concerns all nations. I am, therefore, sending you two items which stress this: an article by Chester Bowles and another by Frank Graham.

As to what you can do, the first objective would seem to be to become informed. I am enclosing a list of our publications, and a suggested reading list also. The second objective might well be discussion groups on some of these readings. Once you gain insight into the over-all problem, courses of action will occur to you, according to your own community and the interests of your group. Why not write to Washington for information on the Peace Corps? The Friends Service Committee has for many years promoted summer work camps for students, some here in the United States and some abroad. Through religious groups, you might be able to invite a Negro speaker on some occasion.

Good luck. And write again if you wish additional information.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
New South: Sept. '59
July-Aug. '60
Jan. '61

Reading list (GACHR)
Publications list (SRC)

March 17, 1961

Miss Rosetta E. Gardner
National Student Secretary
Southern Region
Y.W.C.A.
41 Exchange Place, S.E., 301
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Gardner:

Thank you for your invitation to the informal reception for Miss Jimmie Woodward on March 22, from four to five o'clock. I shall look forward to seeing you and meeting Miss Woodward.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

March 17, 1961

Mr. C. P. Brannin
5614 Ridgedale
Dallas 6, Texas

Dear Mr. Brannin:

We are mailing you today the requested copy of The Federal Executive and Civil Rights. The cost is .50 for single copies; .35 if you should order ten copies.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

March 17, 1961

Committee and Parents of the
Long Branch Baptist Church
Route 1
Dalzell, South Carolina

Dear Friends:

Your letter is warmly appreciated by the staff of the Southern Regional Council. We were deeply gratified by the successful outcome of your efforts to secure equal educational opportunities for your young people in the Dalzell community.

It is we who should be writing you our thanks for your contribution to the rights of all people in the South and in the nation. Such help as we were able to give you in this effort has been more than repaid by your achievements.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 17, 1961

Miss Lorraine C. Moreau
30 Church Street
Springfield 7, Mass.

Dear Miss Moreau:

We are sending you several items which may be of help to you in writing your term paper on the results of desegregation in the South in higher education.

In addition, may we suggest the following for reading:

Johnson, Guy B., "Racial Integration in Southern Higher Education," _Social Forces_, May, 1956; _Freedom, Equality, and Segregation_, The Review of Politics, April 1958.

Lee, J. Oscar and Dramer, A. S., "Racial Inclusion in Church-related Colleges in the South," _Journal of Negro Education_, Winter, 1954.

Plaut, Richard L., "Racial Integration in Higher Education in the North," _Journal of Negro Education_, Summer, 1954.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Report L-23
New South, Feb. 1961, "Higher Education Desegregation"
"Civil Rights Commission Report"

March 17, 1961

Mr. Nat Griswold
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

Les, Harold and I have all carefully considered your request in connection with the Kennedy article in LOOK magazine. We don't feel we can be of any help to you through any contacts we may have in Washington.

We feel that the article is sufficiently temporate in tone that we do not have enough grounds to express a strong concern about it. Frankly, although we can see how certain statements might boomerang in Little Rock or in certain other communities, we feel that on the balance the impact of the article is as constructive as can be hoped for at this time. It does at least express a moral commitment on the sit-in situation, a belief that "integration should take place today everywhere." We feel that the article does some good as well as some harm and that we don't have a strong enough case to take any action.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

March 17, 1961

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Will be pleased to do the proposed article on SRC.

Think it is quite an accomplishment for the group. What length? Newspapers are usually fussy about length and I'd want to know so that the article would require little, if anym cutting. I wouldn't want to trust anyone to do too much cutting. Is there a deadline?

It was good seeing you at the staff meeting.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

March 17, 1961

Mr. Marion Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

I have just read your excellent answer to Workman. We here wonder if you should not also send answers to the other papers which published Workman's column. To date we have clippings from: Newport News (Va.) Times Herald; Jackson (Miss.) News; Columbia (Tenn.) Herald; Lynchburg (Va.) Advance; Jacksonville (Fla.) Florida Times-Union; Greenville (S. C.) News.

I still haven't received your answer to Rev. Bailey, and I do believe it needs answering as much as does Workman's piece.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

March 17, 1961

Miss Terry Ann Kadel
Randall, Kansas

Dear Miss Kadel:

Enclosed is some material concerning our organization which you requested for your research paper. This material was selected by our research department in answer to the questions in your first paragraph.

In regard to the questions in the second paragraph: (1) The Council does not operate on a membership basis; (2) and (3) Our funds come from foundations, other organizations and individuals interested in this type of work, and our expenditures vary according to projects planned and funds available for such work; (4) Since we are not a membership organization, we do not have dues. Subscription to our monthly magazine is two dollars per year; (5) We are a non-political organization and therefore do not employ lobbyists; (6) Most of the church groups on a national level; other minority groups such as the Anti-Defamation League, the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress and the NAACP.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encls.

March 17, 1961

Mr. D. John Heyman
Secretary
New York Foundation
61 Broadway
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Heyman:

Many thanks for your kind letter of March 13 advising us that the Trustees of the New York Foundation have approved a grant of $5,000 toward the Council's general budget.

The Foundation's continuing support of this work is of incalculable value to the Council and to the purposes which it is seeking to advance in the South.

With appreciation and kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 17, 1961

Mr. McNeill Smith
Suite 700
Jefferson Standard Building
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mac:

The offer still stands, and I am glad to enclose our check for $45.87 to cover the expenses of your Washington trip.

I am sorry to hear about your run of misfortune. My sympathy is all the more genuine since I can match you item for item.

Let me take this opportunity to say that I thought your contribution at the Washington meeting was first rate. Often when people like us get together with policy makers we have only pious abstractions to offer. The concreteness of your suggestions was refreshing and impressive. And Bobby Kennedy was listening, too.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

March 17, 1961

Mr. Charles O. Perlik, Jr.
American Newspaper Guild
1126 - 16th Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Perlik:

On behalf of the Southern Regional Council, this is to express warm appreciation for your generous contribution to the Council's work.

The Southern Regional Council and the Labor Movement in the South face a tremendous common challenge. Beneath the political demagoguery and surface turmoil, there are a good many signs of promise for the democratic objectives that are shared by the unions and other forward-looking groups in the South. Your contribution will be of great help to us in our efforts to hasten this progress.

I am taking the liberty of adding your name to the mailing list of our monthly publication, New South, and I hope you will call on us any time we can supply information or services of use to you.

E. T. Kehrer, our board member and regional director of ILGWU, joins me in this expression of thanks and kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 17, 1961

Mr. Will Maslow
American Jewish Congress
15 East 84th Street
New York 28, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Maslow:

I assume that you saw the census figures printed in the New York Times on March 15. These gave the Negro population for Houston, Dallas, New Orleans, San Antonio, Memphis, and Atlanta. We have put on the attachment Negro population figures for the other large cities of the South. All of these come from state sources except the ones marked "official"; these were special censuses.

Incidentally, you should be able, I hope, to get the full 1960 census figures soon. The Advance Reports for Mississippi and North Carolina have already reached us and I know that at least the Alabama and Florida ones are out, though we don't have them yet. In case you need to look for them, they are titled "Advance Reports, General Population Characteristics," PC (A2).

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:A
Attached: Negro population figures

Negro Population

Richmond	88,563	(7/56)
Charlotte	56,438	(calculated from Advance Report - 1960)
Mobile	52,420	(7/56 - official)
Miami	44,190	(10/55 - official)
Jefferson County, (Birmingham)	230,113	(1957)
Duval County, (Jacksonville)	102,800	(7/58)
Hillsborough County, (Tampa)	54,300	(7/58)
Pinellas County, (St.Petersburg)	31,500	(7/58)
Norfolk	73,787	(7/56)

March 17, 1961

Sheraton-Carlton Hotel
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Please reserve a single room with bath for Mr. Harold C. Fleming for the night of Thursday, March 23. Mr. Fleming will be attending the National Civil Liberties Clearing House conference and will be arriving before noon on the 23rd.

Please confirm this reservation by return collect wire.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to the Director

MF

March 17, 1961

Mr. Boris Shishkin, Director
AFL-CIO Civil Rights Committee
815 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Boris:

We thought it would be timely to submit to Mr. Meany the enclosed request for a 1961 contribution. You will recall that last year the contribution was $1,500, and we are hopeful that an amount not smaller than this may be approved this year.

It was good to talk with you by telephone last week. I am expecting to make the annual conference of the Civil Liberties Clearing House next week and hope I will have the pleasure of seeing you again then.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

March 17, 1961

Mr. E. T. Kehrer, Director
Southeast Region, ILGWU
1065 Gordon Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Al:

We thought it would be timely to submit to Mr. Dubinsky our request for a contribution in 1961, as enclosed.

Partly as a result of our own delinquency to follow-through, we had no response to our request last year. My assumption is that this was an oversight, and that the steady support of the ILGWU will again be manifested this year. Certainly your own help to us has been worth far more than a routine contribution.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

March 17, 1961

Mr. George Meany
President
A. F. L. - C. I. O.
815 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Meany:

This is to put before you the Southern Regional Council's request for an annual contribution in the current calendar year.

The friendship and support of the AFL-CIO over the years have been highly valued by our directors and staff. In turn, we sincerely hope that you feel the Council's work -- as reflected in our periodic seports and in the press -- has justified your confidence.

It is a matter of some satisfaction to us, as it must be to you, that our joint efforts to advance equal opportunity go back many years before the current critical period. We are now at a time when this long-standing commitment can yield major returns. National leadership is coming to realize more fully the urgency of segregation and discrimination problems at home. The South, under pressure from the rest of the country and from its own Negro citizens, is having to face up to the high price of continued denial of equal rights.

As a result, SRC's materials and field services are in heavy demand in areas where, only a short time ago, little could be done. Our releases find a ready press, in many Southern as well as non-Southern newspapers, magazines, television and radio stations. Government agencies and private organizations seek SRC's advice and help as they begin to shoulder more responsibility in the civil rights field.

As you know, the student sit-ins and school desegregation suits have now brought the contest into the heart of the deep South. The next year or two will see segregation breached in the most resistant states. This process is going to call for more work and more skill from all of us, but it should be effort well rewarded. And there is no doubt that one of the results will be a regional climate in which the labor movement can realize its full and just potential.

To meet the demands and opportunities of such a time requires more staff work and program than SRC dreamed of only a few years ago. I know that we can count on the AFL-CIO to continue both its financial and its moral support of this work.

With kindest personal regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 11

BCC: Paul Christopher
Boris Shishkin

March 17, 1961

Mr. David Dubinsky
President
International Ladies' Garment Workers
   Union
1710 Broadway
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Dubinsky:

This is to request the continued support of the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union during 1961. The contributions which we have received from organized labor have been a source of real strength and encouragment. We are especially grateful for the steady support that the ILGWU has given us over the years.

Funds from our allies in the civil rights effort are, of course, indispensable to the Council's operation. But no less important is our conviction that the Council shares a common purpose with organized labor in working to advance human rights in the most difficult area of the country. Therefore, we continue to attach a special importance to the support of the ILGWU.

The Southern Regional Council's working relationship with organized labor continues to be a valued and abiding aspect of its program.

Since you have received the Council's financial report for 1960 and our periodic program reports and materials, I will not prolong this letter unduly with such matters. However, we can report that the Council is increasingly called on for its information, skills, and services. As the struggle for desegregation reaches into the deep South, and takes on new directions such as the recent sit-in protests, the Council's strategic role continues to grow. We look forward to a more active and productive year than ever before.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

BC: Al K&h&&Kerher, with covering note

March 17, 1961

Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath
President
American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
New York 21, New York

Dear Rabbi Eisendrath:

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending me the announcement of the new religious action center to be established in Washington.

This is an admirable undertaking and will undoubtedly serve as a valuable resource for many individuals and groups of all faiths. I expect to be spending a good deal of time in Washington myself and will look forward to cooperating with the personnel of the new center once it is established.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 17, 1961

The Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson
Vice President of the United States
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Vice President:

Thank you for your kind letter of March 9. It was a great pleasure for me and my associates to meet with you last week and to have your encouraging assessment on the new President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity. It was kind of you to take the time out of your very demanding schedule to see us on short notice.

I hope that you and Mr. Reedy will call upon the Southern Regional Council and upon any one of us individually for any assistance we can give you and the Committee.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 17, 1961

Mr. Don Oberdorfer
Knight Newspapers, Inc.
Washington Bureau
1286 National Press Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Don:

I appreciated your recent note about Roger Tubby whom I will look forward to meeting.

It appears that I will be visiting Washington pretty frequently in the period to come. I hope we can get together soon and often.

Cordially,

HCF/mf

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

March 17, 1961

Miss Helen Fuller
Managing Editor
The New Republic
Washington, D. C.

Mailed to home Address
1635 Mass. Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6

Dear Helen:

Mike Straight, whom I saw recently, told me about your current project. This sounds like a wonderful and exciting assignment, for which no one is more perfectly suited than you.

I will indeed be in Washington soon and want nothing more than to get together with you. At the moment, it looks as though I will be there for the Civil Liberties Clearing House conference on Thursday and Friday of next week. If this materializes, I will call you first thing to see if we can work out a time. I am sorry not to be more certain about my schedule, but as I will explain to you, events are moving so fast that I can't be entirely sure about my whereabouts from one day to the next. In any case, I will see you very soon.

I have asked the appropriate people here to see that you are added to our mailing list at your home address.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 17, 1961

Mr. Harold R. Tyler, Jr.
405 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Tyler:

It is a great pleasure to hear from you again and to know of your continuing interest in the work of the Southern Regional Council. I am adding your name to our complimentary mailing list.

Your letter is most timely, since I have wished more than once that I had your new address. Among other things, I had wanted to send you a copy of our recent report, "The Federal Executive and Civil Rights," a copy of which is enclosed. In case it is not clear from the text, any critical allusions to the last Administration were most specifically not intended to apply to your own good work in the Department of Justice. The opportunity to be of some slight assistance to you and your associates was one of the bright spots of my work during that period.

Only last week, I had an opportunity to talk with Attorney General Kennedy, Mr. Burke Marshall, and a few of the other new faces in the Department. It is good to have your valuable assessment of Mr. Marshall, whom I also found to be a very conscientious and able person. I might add that every knowledgeable person I talked to in Washington spoke of you in the highest terms.

I hope our paths will cross again in the near future and that you will call on us anytime you might want any special information that we can offer.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

March 17, 1961

Father Jose A. Borges, S. J.
Mount Saint Michael's
Seminary of Philosophy and Science
Spokane 28, Washington

Dear Father Borges:

My apologies for this delay in replying to your recent welcome letter, occasioned by an inordinately heavy travel schedule in recent weeks.

We are sending under separate cover several of our publications which may be of interest to you. Generally, they express our understanding and analysis of the present state of Southern race relations.

On the whole, we find developments of recent months encouraging. At least two states -- North Carolina and Tennessee -- may have made the decisive break, and be turned toward policies of more than grudging compliance. It is not too much to hope that Florida, Texas, and Virginia will soon be with them, perhaps Arkansas as well. Georgia, since the first of the year, has made a really spectacular shift, and in the city of Atlanta there is an unmistakable climate of reasonableness. There will still be bumps and jolts -- some stiff ones, perhaps -- in all these places (particularly rural Georgia) but the general prospect is better than at any time since 1954.

On the other hand, we see no cause for optimism regarding Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and South Carolina. Fair but vigorous and firm federal enforcement of civil rights seems to offer the only realistic hope for improvement.

The gains that have been made are the result of federal court orders, a spreading willingness to comply, Negro pressures and continued Negro responsible conduct. Another factor of great importance has been what amounts to a defeat of the racists in the area of ideas and communication. This has meant both that Northern public opinion has stayed relatively firm and demanding, and that minds have changed in the South.

I hope these few observations will give you a somewhat clearer picture of the situation here in the South.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
~~Enclosures~~

Separate mailing:

Desegragation: First 6 Yrs., McMillan pamphlet, Mary Ellen Goodman report, Sit =In Report, 1960-61 School Background Report, L-22, SRC Policy Statement, 1959, Helen Hill Miller reprint "Private Business & Public Education in the South", Cornelius Tarplee piece, "The Church in Area of Racial Tensions."

March 17, 1961

Mr. Bernie L. Burke
2108 Mt. Royal Terrace
Baltimore 17, Maryland

Dear Mr. Burke:

We have your letter of March 15 and are glad to hear of your study plans. I am afraid that we cannot be of as much help to you as we would like.

As to the names of colleges and universities and of student leaders participating in the protest movement, we would be able to supply some considerable information. Your best source, however, would be the Southern Project, National Student Association, 41 Exchange Place S.E., Atlanta 3, Ga. I am accordingly referring your question to Miss Connie Curry, director of the project, with the request that she reply to you.

As to the names of business establishments and their loss or increase in sales, I think you will be doing original research if you can pin down this information. The names of the businesses, of course, are fairly easy to come by, though to prepare a more or less complete list would require a good bit of file searching. The difficult thing is to get good information on their sales. Variety and department stores of course do not make public such data. The Federal Reserve Board does circulate a monthly index of department store sales in the larger cities of the country. I have found it impossible, as yet at any rate, to document from the indices the dollar effect of sit-ins, boycotts, or resumption of buying. The problem is, as you undoubtedly know, that throughout the period of the student protest, retail sales generally have lagged. I am enclosing a couple of clips which may give you some leads. Also, Dr. Akhilesh Dubey, School of Business Administration, Atlanta University, has plans for research in this area; you may wish to consult your professor about the advisability of corresponding with him.

We are sending, under separate cover, some of our publications regarding the student protest movement.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Mailed separately:
TheStudent Protest Movement
Price, Towards a Solution of the Sit-in Controversy
Morland, Lunch-Counter Desegregation in ...... Texas
Westfeldt, Settling a Sit-in (Nashville)
McMillan, Racial Violence and Law Enforcement
New South, March 1960
December 1960
January 1961

March 17, 1961

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Guy:

Thanks for your good letter summarizing the views of the Administration on the proposed International conference.

Next fall would not be too late; in fact, I am inclined to think that it would take that long to plan and arrange a really good conference of the sort we are talking about. While I can see the advantage of a summer affair, that time would present other problems, such as the inavailability of people who should be present.

I can readily understand the Administration's sensitivity about provoking controversy that might jeopardize the even temper of desegregation at the University. It does strike me, however, that the temper of the times rather favor a new and more adventurous approach to these matters. For example, I have no doubt that a properly staged conference could draw prestige figures from the new Administration in Washington (including Hodges?), which would tend to put a cloak of respectability around the whole enterprise.

As it happens, we are having a special meeting of the Executive Committee tomorrow, so that I can report this further word to the interested members. I will pass on to you any further thoughts that emerge. Meanwhile, I need not tell you that the Southern Regional Council can be counted on for any cooperation and quiet assistance it can give to further exploration and planning of this project.

My best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 17, 1961

Mr. Abram Eisenman
The Savannah Sun and Savannah Shoppers' Guide
121 West York Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mr. Eisenman:

We are mailing you today some materials which do "summarize" somewhat the desegregation of public schools, lunch counters, etc.

I have referred your letter to John Constable, who is director of information for the council, and he will advise you regarding your request to be on our mailing list.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
 Student Protest Movement
 Report on School Desegregation for 1960-61
 New South: Sept. '59, "Survey of Waiting Room Facilities"
 March '60, "N.C. Student Protest"
 Sept. '60, "Biracial Conventions & the South"
 Oct. '60, "Desegregation Entering New Phase"
 Dec. "60, "Jacksonville Experience"
 Feb. '61, "Georgia Abandons Massive Resistance"
 "Higher Education Desegregation"

March 17, 1961

Mr. Abram Eisenman
The Savannah Sun and
Savannah Shoppers' Guide
121 West York Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mr. Eisenman:

In accordance with your request, we are placing you on our mailing list for materials of the Southern Regional Council.

If we can be of additional aid, please let us know.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to the Director of Information

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March 17, 1961

Mr. Irving R. Kornbliet
Assistant to the Chairman
State Commission Against Discrimination
State of New York
270 Broadway
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Kornbliet:

I am sorry you had so much trouble getting a letter through to us, but now that you have I am happy to send you two copies of our recent report "The Federal Executive and Civil Rights." If you or Mr. Carter have any comments or criticisms to offer us they will be most welcome here.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2.

March 20, 1961

Mr. Harry Boyte
Executive Director
Greater Atlanta Council on Human Relations
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Boyte:

Paul Rilling and I have gone over the enclosed. We are in agreement that it is a good beginning, but that the request should be more complete before we offer any detailed advice.

I would suggest that you complete the request, possibly including:

(1) Examples of past activities such as the TV programs;

(2) Programs and ideas being considered if funds are available;

(3) The specific sum requested with a breakdown of how these funds would be spent, if received.

When you have a completed draft, Paul and I would be happy to go over it with you, if you like.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

March 20, 1961

Father Albert Foley
Spring Hill College
Mobile, Alabama

Dear Father Foley:

I find that I am going to have to be in Washington from this Thursday - Sunday, March 26. This means that I will not be able to be on hand for your proposed interview with Allred and perhaps Jimerson, Saturday the 25th in Birmingham.

My participation in the interviews is clearly not essential but I would like to be involved in whatever way is possible. You should work this out according to your convenience and that of the men to be interviewed, but be informed that I would be free during any day of the following week. It might conceivably be possible for me to talk with one or both of them Sunday evening the 26th if they pass through Atlanta on their way back from Birmingham. In other words, my schedule should not alter your plans, but if I could be involved without inconvenience to those concerned, let me know.

I have heard, as of this morning, that Mr. Jimerson is strongly interested and I would therefore urge you to contact him in connection with your forthcoming interview if at all possible.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

P. S. Are you considering Whaley further?

March 20, 1961

Mr. Gus Falk
American Jewish Committee
523 Fidelity Building
Dallas 2, Texas

Dear ~~Mr. Falk:~~ Gus

We were quite impressed here with the formidable agenda which you managed for Mr. Dabbs, and with your proposals for future and expanded involvement of the Southern Regional Council in your area. We very much appreciate, as did Mr. Dabbs, your effective use of his time and talents while he was in Dallas.

I have not yet had an opportunity to discuss with Mr. Dabbs the two concerns you raised in your letter of March 16 and which you discussed with him. As far as this office is concerned, let me say that we are receptive to both of the ideas suggested. I have run into suggestions from several quarters that we move toward the reorganization of a state-wide Texas Commission on Human Relations. We have tended to delay because of two facts -- the residual remains of our former operation there which would have to be involved, and our assistance to the Houston Council on Human Relations and our tendency to wait and see how this effort develops this year before considering a broader operation. It has been our hope that the Houston Council might conceivably provide a base of operation for a state-wide effort.

If you feel that we need to be moving before next fall on either of these two ideas, then perhaps it is timely for me to plan our long considered trip to Dallas to talk them through with you in more detail. I could plan to come to Dallas the week of April 10, or April 24, or May 15, if this seems advisable.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

March 20, 1961

Mr. Art Levin
Anti-Defamation League
41 Exchange Place, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Art:

We have been asked by the Virginia Council for a line on a film or film strip entitled, "Communism on the Map." The film is being shown in several places in Virginia to school children with the loud endorsement of T. Coleman Andrews. The film is apparently out of the Searcy, Arkansas college. Know anything?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

March 20, 1961

Miss Katherine Jones
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

I am enclosing a letter from Arkansas raising certain questions concerning the Peabody survey team. I believe the letter is self-explanatory.

Does your information:

1. Bear out the suggestions of the Arkansas Council?

2. Suggest how these concerns, if they are valid, can best be represented to the folks at Peabody College? I believe you have contacts at Peabody and are in a much better position to evaluate this than are we.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Enc.
cc: John Hope
Will Campbell

March 20, 1961

Miss Ruth Arnold
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Ruth:

We have no immediate insights on the Peabody deal. I am checking with our contacts in Nashville for suggestions on how best to move. You will be hearing from us shortly.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

March 20, 1961

Dr. Kenneth Morland
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Randolph-Macon Woman's College
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Ken:

I am sending on a copy of a letter we received from Dalzell and Harold's answer. I knew you would be interested. We rarely receive a letter which gives us as much satisfaction as this one. Thank you for the strong representation which you provided the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

Enclosures

March 20, 1961

Dr. Clifton O. Dummett
Chief, Dental Service
Veterans Administration Hospital
Tuskegee, Alabama

Dear Dr. Dummett:

Since I last wrote you, there has been a sudden change in my personal circumstances that raises a host of difficulties. Although the information is not yet public, I should like to share the problem with you.

I have recently been offered, and have accepted, a position as consultant to the Taconic Foundation. My assignment is to explore the establishment of a new, private institution in Washington which will carry on study, conferences, and information services in the realm of race relations and public policy. For obvious reasons, the effort must get under way immediately, and I will be giving it full time as quickly as I can turn over my present responsibilities to my successor here, who will be Dr. Leslie W. Dunbar, now our director of research.

This new and unexpected development creates some vexing problems about future commitments. It will be exceedingly difficult for me to get away from Washington, especially during the early weeks of my new duties there.

Under the circumstances, I should like to propose that you substitute Dr. Dunbar for me in the April 24 session of the Clinic. He is a man of distinguished achievements, an admirable speaker, and as the new director of the Southern Regional Council he will occupy an increasingly prominent place in this field.

It will be disappointing to me to miss the opportunity to take part in the Clinic, but I believe that Dr. Dunbar would be a wise substitution, and one that you and your colleagues would find eminently satisfactory.

With apologies for any inconvenience this may cause you, and kindest personal regards, I am'

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
P. S. -- A copy of Dr. Dunbar's curriculum vitae is attached.

Same ltr sent to:
Frances Pauley (Ga. Council) Travel Card #EAq081872nEA131326
Bill Williams (Fla. Council) # " #EAQ081873nEA131327
Dan Bowers (Va. Council) " " #EAq081875nEA131329
Nat Griswold (Ark. Council) " " #EAq081874nEA131328

March 21, 1961

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Enclosed is your air travel card -- good for all airlines in North America. Your monthly bill will be sent directly to you. SRC will not receive any record of these transactions unless the account is overdue.

Please note the number of the card where you can always get to it. In the event the card is lost or stolen, notify Eastern immediately. You are responsible for any use of the card -- whether in your possession or not -- until the account can be stopped.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - (Air Travel Card #EAq081871nEA131325)

Same letter mailed to Miss Thelma Stevens

March 21, 1961

Miss Eleanor French
United Church Women
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Miss French:

Mrs. Tilly would like for you to please confirm the dates, November 1-2, for the fall Workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned.

Mrs. Tilly is at home ill with flu, and Mr. Tilly is still in the hospital.

Please let us hear from you as soon as possible so we may begin formulating plans.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to Mrs. Tilly

March 21, 1961

Miss Joan Seaver
Joel O'Brian Productions
225 East 46th Street
New York, New York

Dear Miss Seaver:

I am enclosing, as you requested, biographical data for Mr. Fleming. I am not able, at the moment, to send you a glossy print since our supply is exhausted. However, I will do my best to see that Mr. Fleming takes care of this matter and if this is done in time for your purpose, I will send one along to you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to the Director

MF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

March 22, 1961

Mr. Ted Jackson, Treasurer
Griffith's Methodist Church
Star Route
Burnsville, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Jackson:

The enclosed check for $200 represents a contribution to the educational activity which the church has carried forward during the past year. Through these special educational efforts, the church has rendered a significant service during a difficult time.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm
Enclosure
cc: Miss Rosella Hill

March 22, 1961

Miss Margaret Townsend
829 Shaler Boulevard
Ridgefield, New Jersey

Dear Miss Townsend:

Under separate cover we are sending you some materials which you may find helpful in your history term paper on civil rights. In them you will find information on those who are concerned with civil rights and some of the progress made. Perhaps your library will have the 1959 and 1960 reports of the Civil Rights Commission, and this will give you additional information.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Enclosure: SRC statement
Mailed separately:
New South, April 1960, "A Solid South...Or Else"
Sept. 1959, "A Fresh Look at Race Relations"
"A Survey of Waiting Room Facilities"
Oct. 1959, "Desegregation Resistance Slows Negro Vote"
"Chronology of Segregation Court Cases"
July-Aug. 1960, "Standing Up for American Dream"
January 1961, "The South &Civil Disobedience"
February 1961, "Higher Education Desegregation"
"Civil Rights Commission Report"

March 22, 1961

Miss Penny Smith
523 Gatewood Avenue
High Point, N. C.

Dear Miss Smith:

In reply to your question regarding the Quakers (the American Society of Friends), the group in Atlanta is integrated and I know of none that bar membership because of race. It is probably true that in some parts of the country there are no Negro members because there are no Negro Quakers. The American Friends Service Committee has published a pamphlet, Race and Conscience in America, which discusses race relations from their point of view. It can be obtained from American Friends Service Committee, 160 N. 15th Street, Philadelphia 2, Pa..50¢

May we suggest that you look up the New York Times series of articles on "Churches of the South Facing Dilemma on Segregation," by John Wicklein, July 5-8, 1959. We are enclosing one of our publications, The Church in Areas of of Racial Tension, by Cornelius C. Tarplee, which may be of interest to you.

The Southern Regional Council is an organization of white and Negro Southerners formed in 1944 to advance "equal opportunity for all the South's people." The enclosed leaflet will inform you briefly as to how we face the problem, now and since the formation of the Council.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Enclosures:
Tarplee
SRC: origin and aims

March 22, 1961

Professor Francis M. Wilhoit
Department of Government
University of Miami
Coral Gables 46, Florida

Dear Professor Wilhoit:

We are mailing you today, under separate cover, the requested copy of The Federal Executive and Civil Rights. We are pleased to know that our publications are useful in your classes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

March 22, 1961

The Rev. Cornelius C. Tarplee
Associate Secretary for
Intergroup Relations
P. O. Box 853
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Neil:

We are mailing you today the requested 500 copies of "This I Believe" and our invoice is enclosed. Glad you like it.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

March 22, 1961

Mr. Burke Marshall
Assistant Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Marshall:

For your information, I am enclosing two documents which reveal contrasting sides of the southern scene.

The notes regarding work now being done to prepare Atlanta for orderly school desegregation will, I think, be information which you welcome. These preparations do not, of course, obviate the real possibility of organized attempts next Fall to obstruct desegregation.

The News-Letter of the Montgomery Improvement Association gives, on the basis of all we know of the situation, a substantially accurate picture of the racial climate in that city. There are no easy answers to the question of what can be done to alleviate it, but I know that it is a matter of concern to you, as much for its potential as for its present challenge to civil rights.

We receive a great lot of material such as this, and we may occasionally send on an item which we think may be of interest to you; consequently there is no need to acknowledge.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosures

via air mail March 22, 1961

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
New World Foundation
475 Riverside Drive
New York, New York

Dear Vernon:

You can't imagine what a shot in the arm your letters were -- for me, the rest of the staff, and the Executive Committee. Your personal contribution was a touch that only Eagle would have thought of.

The meeting was an excellent one in every respect. There were the usual regrets at the passing of the old, but real unanimity and enthusiasm in the choice of the new..Les Dunbar was appointed by acclamation and will assume the full duties of director within the next few weeks, on a date to be agreed upon as the logical one by the two of us. A public announcement will be made soon.

I will, of course, plan to be on hand for your visit. We're expecting you to stay with us. Jane and the boys -- especially Gary -- are looking forward to your visit. If you have special ideas for this stop or the others, let me know and I'll do the necessary. I've already advised Will Campbell of your Jackson stop-over, and he is eager to schedule himself accordingly. We'll also lay some ground work in New Orleans.

What with the SRC unwinding and still unresolved questions questions of incorporation, office housing, etc., at the other end, I'm not much farther along with the Washington operation, but I hope to be shortly. I haven't forgotten that I am to send you a memo on the project; will do as soon as a few details are settled.

We'll be in touch before your junket. Meanwhile, my very best.

As ever,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

March 22, 1961

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
Executive Director
New World Foundation, Inc.
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Mr. Eagle:

Your letter advising us of the Foundation's grant of $25,000 for 1961 was received just prior to a special meeting of our Executive Committee. Thus I can authentically express the profound gratitude, not only of the Council's staff, but of its policy leadership as well.

The Executive Committee has asked me to convey, both officially and for each of them personally, the warmest thanks to you and to the Trustees of the New World Foundation for your timely and invaluable vote of confidence.

Coupled with this appreciation is a deep sense of obligation to continue, and if possible, increase, the quality of leadership and program achievement of the Council. The resolve to do so and assurance that it will be done were markedly evident in the in the meeting just held; both were strengthened by the generous action of the Foundation.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Same letter to: College of the Ozarks
Centre College
William and Mary

March 23, 1961

Miss Roberta D. Brown
Registrar
Arkansas College
Batesville, Arkansas

Dear Miss Brown:

To insure the accuracy of our enclosed listing of desegregated colleges and universities (compiled largely from newsclips and earlier surveys), we would be grateful for a statement from you confirming or correcting the inclusion of Arkansas College, (see page 1).

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/sm
Enc.

March 23, 1961

Southern Council on the Humanities
c/o University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Gentlemen:

We would like very much to obtain a current listing of major (Southern) region-wide academic organizations, together with a mailing address and the name of the president or secretary of each of them. We wonder if you might not have compiled a directory or listing covering the member organizations of the Southern Council on the Humanities. If so, we would be grateful if you would forward one copy. Please bill us if there is any charge.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/sm

same ltr. to: Notre Dame Seminary

File

March 23, 1961

Mr. George C. Herndon
Registrar
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
3939 Gentilly Boulevard
New Orleans 26, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Herndon:

To insure the accuracy of our enclosed listing of desegregated colleges and universities, we would be grateful for information as to the policy and status of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/sm
Enclosure

March 23, 1961

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

As you may recall, several years ago the Executive Committee established the requirement that the President and Secretary-Treasurer of the Council jointly sign on the purchase or sale of securities. At our Finance Committee meeting on Saturday, the decision was made to sell all of our holdings in oil. These are now with our broker, Merrill Lynch, and we require your signature on the enclosed forms to be able to complete the transaction. Would you please sign each of them and return to us at your earliest convenience? A self-addressed envelope is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures - 4.

March 23, 1961

Dr. John J. Brooks
President
International Schools Foundation
147 East 50th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Dr. Brooks:

I am one of your former pupils whose memory needs no prodding at all. I have recalled clearly and often your fine tutelage at Bass, and no less so our dramatic efforts over WATL -- which you might well prefer to forget!

As a matter of fact, your letter anticipated one I have long intended to write. Having read about your achievements at the New Lincoln School and more recently through the International Schools Foundation, I discovered that we had mutual acquaintances -- for one, Vernon Eagle, who speaks of you in admiring terms and promised to relay a word of greeting from me.

After so many years (fourteen) with the Southern Regional Council, I am about to launch out in a new direction, or at least in a new location. With the sponsorship and financial support of the Taconic Foundation, I am undertaking the establishment and direction of a new independent agency in Washington -- sort of a private block-house on the New Frontier. The Potomac Institute, as it will probably be called, will sponsor studies, hold conferences, provide informational and consultative services -- in short, do all the usual things. The aim will be to advance sound human relations policies in government and influential private quarters.

In any case, this change will take me to New York more frequently and will put me within easy range of your Washington office. When I am settled, I will write again in the hope that we can get together for a long deferred reunion. Meanwhile, warm regards and good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 23, 1961

Miss Thelma Stevens
Woman's Society of Christian Service
The Methodist Church
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Thelma:

Mr. Tilly has been in Georgia Baptist Hospital since March 6 (we haven't quit the Methodist church, but his four specialists said this hospital had the needed equipment). Until yesterday he has been desperately ill, but through the wonder-working laboratory technicians, they found the "bug" that caused the 104 degree of fever that raged on and on. Now there is no fever, but a terribly weak body with a great, great spirit in it.

I think I can now more nearly enter into the sufferings of all people since these agonizing days and nights.

Under separate cover, I have mailed you a copy of "The Story of Athens." The story as told by its daily paper and the university paper "Red and Black" is a magnificent story. It would make a good study - in fact we are having someone write it in pamphlet form. But I wanted you to have it less condensed as it may help in the work that is being done now.

I doubt that you will have time to read all of it, but "snatch" a few moments and look at pages 10, 22, 23, and you will get a good over-all picture in the "radio editorial" on page 18.

Miss Thelma Stevens
-2-
March 23, 1961

I commend to you the students' paper "Red and Black," at the back of the book, and urge you to read the boy's editorial on page 7, it is great.

Georgia right now is not old Georgia except it has the same sleepy slow moving Church.

In 1956, the State Board of Education fired a woman teacher for answering a question on integration, although her local school board and the parents stood back of her. She had been a missionary in the Philippines. This was in Metropolitan Atlanta. Today the teachers are being instructed how to prepare the children for integration. The legislature voted with only one "nay" to urge our congressional group to vote for Federal Aid for education.

Thus our politicians, our school boards--State and City--are preparing our September deadline. Our city school superintendent is speaking to P.T.A.'s etc., but the Church is lagging. It will be the last to open its doors and only here and there is a voice of a minister heard by his congregation.

This letter is about as long as the book, but you have always been a good one to me, so I pour on you not only my joys but my heart aches.

A heart full of love and thanks.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/lec

March 23, 1961

Mrs. Elizabeth Mann Borgese
San Domenico
Florence, Italy

Dear Mrs. Borgese:

At the instruction of Mr. Benedict, I am mailing my manuscript directly to you. I hope you will find it satisfactory and will feel free to edit as you may think desirable.

If you wish to identify me in the magazine, in addition to my present title I am executive director elect of the Council, and by the time this gets in print will be simply "executive director."

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosure: manuscript.

White copy

March 24, 1961

Mrs. David D. Baker
Program Co-Ordinator
United Church Women
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Mrs. Baker:

I have not been in the office very much since March 6, because I have been at the hospital with my husband. He has been very ill.

The NOW reporter really takes wonderful minutes. I never paid very much attention to what they said that day about coming to Georgia for a meeting. The meeting held in Washington was simply wonderful and I am not with them when it comes to organizing NOW here in the South What we need to do is to get more of the organizations to pull together instead of organizing new ones.

Things look pretty good in Georgia. Our school superintendent here in Atlanta is doing his best to prepare our teachers, our parents and children for integration. The teachers are receiving information as to how to talk to the children.

With best of wishes to you always, and I will see you in Buffalo is Mr. Tilly gets better.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

March 24, 1961

Mr. Stan Raymond
Radio Station WAOK
110 Edgewood Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Raymond:

Enclosed is a list of the visiting broadcasters about whom we spoke this afternoon. In addition, they will be accompanied by two interpreters from the State Department. We look forward to visiting you on Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1.

March 24, 1961

Miss Gretchen Tuthill
3840 Skyline Road
Carlsbad, California

Dear Miss Tuthill:

We will be pleased to send the packet of material - without charge - to Kenya.

Your New South subscription is being processed.

It was good to hear from you and I trust you will call on us if we can be of help.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

March 24, 1961

Miss Rosetta E. Gardner
National Student Secretary
Southern Region - YWCA
Suite 301, 41 Exchange Place, S. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Gardner:

I am terribly embarrassed to find that I did not respond to your invitation of March 13. Please extend our best wishes to Miss Woodward, and assure her that whatever our sins, we are most anxious to be of any possible help to her as she takes up her duties as your colleague.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

March 24, 1961

Mr. Gene Bronner
Social Action Secretariat Representative
National Federation of Catholic College
    Students
Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart
Purchase, New York

Dear Mr. Bronner:

Enclosed is a reasonably complete listing of our publications. We work closely with students doing research and will be happy to cooperate by sending publications on request. Our research files are also available for this purpose.

The Council has several copies of the film, "The Face of the South," narrated by George S. Mitchell. It is available from the Anti-Defamation League, 41 Exchange Place, S. E., Atlanta 3.

The Council works with all other agencies in the South concerned with race relations. By request, SRC serves as secretariat of the informal Southern Interagency Conference, a collection of some forty organizations working in the South. The group meets quarterly.

We will be happy to respond to specific requests for information or materials from any interested students.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure

Reading File -

March 24, 1961

Mrs. John Fenn
4690 High Point Road, N. E.
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Fenn:

Some of the most significant differences between Georgia and North Carolina's tuition grant acts appear to me to be these:

(1) In North Carolina, grants may be made to every child "for whom no public school is available, or who is assigned to a public school attended by a child of another race against the wishes of his parent or guardian...." In Georgia, every student is automatically entitled to receive a grant.

(2) North Carolina's grants would be standardized in amount on a statewide basis; Georgia's would vary in amount from local system to local system.

(3) The North Carolina Act contains elaborate safeguards. For example, (a) payments shall be made upon receipt of evidence that the child is attending the private non-sectarian school; (b) grants are only available if the private school which is involved is approved by the State Board; (c) checks are made payable jointly to parent and school, unless there is certification that parent has already paid the tuition; (d) parent or school official or employee mis-using grants is guilty of a felony. The Georgia Act contains virtually no safeguards, except against mis-use of grants by parents.

Alabama does have a tuition grant act: Act No. 652 of the 1959 regular session. A copy is enclosed, together with the North Carolina Act for your further comparison.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/mf
Enclosures

March 24, 1961

Mr. George McMillan
Box 299
Aiken, South Carolina

Dear George:

Less has asked me to reply to several requests from you.

One the matter of the Wenner-Gren Foundation, attached is the description of the foundation from the 1960 edition of the Foundation Directory.

University of Georgia catalogue we don't have. Probably the fastest way for you to get it would be to write directly to the registrar at Athens.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1.

March 24, 1961

Mr. Benjamin Muse
Box 312
Manassas, Virginia

Dear Ben:

In answer to your letter of March 23, there evidently has been some confusion in transposing names from the stencil list. Category 11, is made up of state educational associations along with other educational groups. Our stencils in this category include only organizations of this type. Our card file also lists the name you mentioned, Mrs. Boyle, in category 8, where she rightly belongs. If you would like to mail us back the cards for this particular category we will straighten them out for you. It will be difficult without your cards since ours are now filed alphabetically for all thirteen categories.

In explaining the categories, category 6, includes the state human relations organizations; category 7, includes names from Les Dunbar, or are particular contacts of the research departmnnt; category 8, is the category for friends, donors of the Council and for other persons who do not logically fall in any other category; category 11, is explained above; and category 13, is the list of directors of large corporations living in the South. This last list was drawn up by Les Dunbar and the research department.

corrected on orig.

Hope this clears up the confusion.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Same letter mailed to persons on attached sheet

March 24, 1961

Mrs. Neva J. Dennis
530 Jones Street
Elberton, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Dennis:

Please send us the list of C.M.E. women we should invite to the Workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned this fall.

Thank you for your cooperation and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/lec

Mrs. Leopold Fleishchaker, Southern Int. Reg., NCJW
Mrs. Robert L. Wilcox, Methodist
Mrs. John W. Curry, Central Jurisdiction
Mrs. Bee Wild, Jewish (ADL)
Mrs. Mable Morley, Presbyterian
Mrs. Ben Russell, Presbyterian
Miss Eleanor French, UCW
Mrs. John S. Correll, Catholic
Mrs. Laurie S. Mobley, Episcopal
Miss Florence C. Harris, YWCA
Mr. John Morris, Episcopal
Miss Lucille D. Frost, Congregational
Rev. G. A. Sewell, A.M.E.
Mrs. Neva J. Dennis, C.M.E.

March 24, 1961

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Horton:

The dates of May 5-7, are already promised, in fact long before I received your letter of February 27.

The delay in writing to you has been due to the fact that my husband has been very ill and still is in the hospital here in Atlanta.

I hope your Workshop will meet your expectations and I am sure if it does it will be something more than wonderful.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/led

March 24, 1961

Mrs. C. H. Owens
74 N. W. 29th Terrace
Miami, Florida

Dear Mrs. Owens:

Please give me the names of the women who drove me from Orlando to Avon Park. I would like to thank them.

If you have the gleanings of the Workshop mimeographed I would like two or three copies for our files here. If you would like for us to mimeograph them we will be glad to do them for you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/lec

March 24, 1961

Mrs. Alfred Lexow
610 North 19th Avenue
Hollywood, Florida

Dear Mrs. Lexow:

Thank you so much for your letter following our Workshop at Avon Park. I am wondering if the reporter has the findings in shape. If Mrs. Owens has had them mimeographed we would certainly like two or three copies for our files here. If she wants us to do them we will be glad to do them for her.

I think the Workshop was more than wonderful, even if our group was small.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/lec

March 24, 1961

Mrs. Neal Spahr
916 S. 17th Street
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Spahr:

Thank you very much for the clippings you sent me telling of the honor that has been bestowed upon you and Mr. Spahr. You both certainly deserve the Brotherhood Award.

My delay in writing to you is because my husband has been very ill and I have not been in the office very much. However, he is improving.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/lec

March 24, 1961

Miss Eleanor French, Director
Christian Social Relations
United Church Women
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Eleanor French:

When your letter of March 9, reached me, Mr. Tilly had been in the hospital three or four days. He has been very ill but has improved in the last two days. We hope before long to have him back home.

I will see you in Buffalo if he continues to improve.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

March 27, 1961

Mrs. Cernoria D. Johnson
Consultant, Intergroup Relations
Bureau of Research, Studies and
Program Resources
YWCA
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

Our recent publication, The Federal Executive and Civil Rights, is the only thing we have concerned with housing. In quantity, it is .35 each. I am enclosing a copy of our press release, which lists the 18 SRC recommendations, and we could send you 200 of these free.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Enclosure

March 27, 1961

Duke Law Journal
Duke University
Durham, N. C.

Dear Sirs:

We would like to have another 100 copies of your reprint, "Dime Store Demonstrations: Events and Legal Probelsm of First Sixty Days," by Daniel H. Pollitt, Volume 1960, No. 3. If you have these available, please send at once and bill us.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

March 27, 1961

Mrs. David Jones
Bennett College
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Jones:

Your letter of February 19, from Zurick, Switzerland, is really something that I prize, knowing that our Fellowship of the Concerned touched the delegates of so many countries, and that they were in the hands of a LaGrange, Georgia girl.

Mr. Tilly has been ill for three weeks, but is much improved. Easter will have a new meaning for me.

I've appreciated your friendship all through the years and I really prize it.

Love and best wishes always.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Information

MET:lec

March 27, 1961

Mrs. William Sale Terrell
Chairman
United Church Women
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Mrs. Terrell:

Every once in a while I have met someone who was at the Workshop in November who has spoken of your worship meditations, that you gave during that time. And just this week someone told me how often she has used excerpts from one of your worship services.

I will see you in Buffalo if my husband continues to improve. He has been desperately ill for three weeks but is now on the road to recovery. I hope to have him home in the next few days.

With love and best wishes always.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/lec

March 27, 1961

Mr. Thomas Kilgore, Jr.
Friendship Baptist Church
144 West 131 Street
New York 27, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Kilgore:

Unfortunately, we have no SRC publications available for distribution which would assist in the preparation of your paper comparing white resistance groups with the Black Nationalist movement. (Our 1957 report, "Pro-segregation Groups in the South," is out of print.) However, I am enclosing copies of some news articles (largely on the Muslims) and I would suggest the following sources for useful information on the white groups:

1) Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, N.Y. ← Reports on KKK (cor. on orig.)

2) "The South Strikes Back," by Hodding Carter III,' Doubleday, N. Y., 1959. Traces the Citizens Councils from their inception in 1954 through 1958.

3) Several articles by James W. Vander Zanden will be of interest:

    a) "The Citizens' Councils," Alpha Kappa Deltan, Spring, 1959.
    b) "The Klan Revival," American Journal of Sociology, Vol. LXV, No. 5, March, 1960.
    c) "Resistance and Social Movements," Social Forces, Vol. 37, No. 4, May, 1959.
    d) "The Ideology of White Supremacy," Journal of the History of Ideas, Vol. XX, No. 3, June-Sept., 1959.

4) A monthly periodical published by the American Jewish Committee, "For Your Information," contains some information on the many white supremacy groups other than Klans and Citizens Councils. (American Jewish Committee Institute of Human Relations, 165 East 56th Street, New York 22, N. Y.)

5) a) States' Rights Council of Georgia, William Oliver Building, Atlanta 3, Georgia
   b) Citizens' Councils, 813 Plaza Building, Jackson, Mississippi

Both organizations will send you list of their own publications, which might prove useful for analysis.

I hope this information will be of some help to you.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM:a
Enclosures

March 27, 1961

Mr. C. E. Woolman, President
Delta Air Lines
Atlanta Municipal Airport
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Woolman:

On Sunday, March 26, a Delta passenger agent on duty at the Atlanta Airport was very helpful in an unusual situation. I would like to call this to your attention and to express our appreciation to him and to Delta Air Lines.

A group of young Africans, here as guests of the U. S. State Department and accompanied by two State Department interpreters, arrived on Delta Flight #833 from Chicago. They were most anxious to visit the South, though somewhat apprehensive about their reception. Fortunately, Delta agent, Mr. Don Sparks, helped us to begin what promises to be a very successful visit.

Mr. Sparks met the group at the plane, arranged for them to wait in a private waiting room, helped in the rental of a station wagon, had their sixteen pieces of baggage delivered and, generally, moved the group hospitably and efficiently at a very busy time.

This kind of extra consideration and understanding is, to us, an excellent indication of Delta's service and personnel. We are particularly happy to see that at a time of the welcomed news of Delta's continued expansion that individual service is maintained at such high level.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

March 27, 1961

Department of Revenue
State of Georgia
State Office Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Gentlemen:

Under date of July 28, 1947 the tax exemption of this organization for Federal income tax purposes is recognized by the U. S. Internal Revenue Service as follows:

> It is the opinion of this office, based upon the evidence presented, that you are exempt from Federal income tax under the provisions of section 101(6) of the Internal Revenue Code and corresponding provisions of prior revenue acts, as it is shown that you are organized and operated exclusively for educational purposes.

This ruling was re-confirmed by the U. S. Internal Revenue Service on January 29, 1960. The requested forms in your letter of March 14 are enclosed for the years, 1958, 1959, and 1960. If additional information is needed, please let us know.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Ruth House Alexander
Secretary-Treasurer

RHA/mf
Enclosures

March 28, 1961

Mr. George P. McManus
Deputy Inspector In Command
Police Academy
City of New York
New York 13, N. Y.

Dear Mr. McManus:

We have sent you, under separate cover, six complimentary copies of George McMillan's Racial Violence and Law Enforcement as requested by your letter of March 22.

When you have had a chance to read the report, we would be very interested to receive your comments.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

March 28, 1961

Mr. Melvin L. Bergheim
Governmental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bergheim:

We have discussed your letter of March 16, and are prepared to assist with the July 12-16 visit of the foreign correspondents to Atlanta. There are enough excitement and interesting people here to make this a worthwhile occasion for them, and it ought to be instructive for us also.

We will not accept the honorarium, though we thank you offering it. On the other hand, we will gladly let you reimburse us for expenses, up to $300, in connection with the visit; we shall submit an itemized account.

I assume that the correspondents's itinerary may be crowded, and so I would doubt the usefulness of a seminar in Pittsburgh on race relations generally, which will certainly be the big topic here. There would be an opportunity, however, to get before them a fuller sketch of what is a national problem if a seminar were held in Pittsburgh, focussed on race relations in northern cities, and followed by the discussion here in Atlanta on southern issues.

We shall sometime before the event draw up plans and forward them to you for critiquing. We can do this more intelligently after participants are selected. If you know anything about specific interests of any of the participants, that would be helpful information.

If the group is all-white, putting them all up at one of the downtown hotels would be the most convenient thing; and the Atlantan would be an all-right choice. If there are non-whites included, the matter gets more complicated, and we'll have to work it out as best we can.

We are in a period of organizational flux, which explains why I, rather than Harold, am replying to you. By July we ought to be well settled, however, and able to do the honors for these people.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

March 28, 1961

Mr. George McMillan
P. O. Box 299
Aiken, South Carolina

Dear George:

Sorry to let you down on this one, but the Directory lists no McDowell Foundation. We have looked for any variation of the name in the states of New York, Vermont and New Hampshire but none comes close to your description. This does not mean that it doesn't exist, but that it is either very recent or refuses to have any information listed about it. Or, it could have some other name -- or a recent change of names.

Be glad to try again if you come up with further information.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

March 28, 1961

Mr. Samuel L. Donaldson
Account Executive
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith
270 Peachtree Street, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Donaldson:

Enclosed are four (4) copies of your form Code 101 R 11/57 and three (3) copies of your form Code 120-R12-52. The fourth copy of the latter will be sent to you shortly.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures - 7.

March 28, 1961

Mr. Sherrell Hendricks
Box 306
Celina, Texas

Dear Mr. Hendricks:

Enclosed is the requested information on the Southern Regional Council. Under separate cover, we are sending you several of our publications which will give you some idea of our current interests.

It was a pleasure meeting you in Louisville and I am sorry that time did not permit us to become better acquainted.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Congressional Record Reprint)

March 28, 1961

Mrs. W. F. Townsend
6331 McCommas
Dallas 14, Texas

Dear Mrs. Townsend:

Enclosed is the requested information on the Southern Regional Council. Under separate cover, we are sending you several of our publications which will give you some idea of our current interests.

I have on my mind - and conscience - the written version of the speech. Will try to get it to you soon.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Congressional Record Reprint)

March 28, 1961

Mr. Emory F. Via
School for Workers
The University of Wisconsin
University Extension Division
Madison 6, Wisconsin

Dear Emory:

Your questions concerning employment or upgrading of Negroes and concerning the "Federal Executive and Civil Rights" report are being referred to the research department and Les Dunbar. I am certain you will hear from them in the next few days. Les is also the one to determine the availability of copies of the "Federal Executive."

Please give my personal regards to Margaret and best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

Returned check #2151 - $1.00

March 28, 1961

Mrs. Benjamin I. Kamen
1012 Obispo Avenue
Coral Gables 34, Fla.

Dear Mrs. Kamen:

We do not have copies of "THIS IS WHAT WE FOUND" and so we are returning your check for $1.00. Inquiries concerning the book should be addressed to LYLE STEWART PUBLISHING COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/bcc
Encl.

March 28, 1961

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: ALL STAFF

FROM: LWD

There are more changes on L-23 (desegregated higher education); please check with MM before sending out copies.

March 28, 1961

Miss Alice Spearman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I'll be there; April 16 at 2:15. Please let me know how long you want me to talk and about what: civil rights and Washington?

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

March 28, 1961

TO: ALL PERSONS WHO MARK NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES FOR CLIPPING

FROM: LWD

Please mark for clipping all items dealing with right-wing organizations and activities throughout the country. We are especially interested in the John Birch Society. The same ~~[illegible]~~ rules apply as for all clipping, e. g. anything in the Chattanooga Times, only local stuff in the New Orleans Times-Picayune, etc.

March 28, 1961

Mr. Emory F. Via
5710 Anchorage Avenue
Madison 5, Wisconsin

Dear Emory:

It was indeed good to get your letter -- albeit about "labor." As to the standing invitation, would very much like to visit but can't imagine that these people will allow me to get away from my eyeshade and standing Dickens accounting desk.

On the specific requests, these are the situations:

(1) Packinghouse Workers: Initial request sent over Al Kehrer's signature - July 22, 1960. Followup letterrsent by Fleming on October 17. Received reply from Helstein on November 8, requesting that we ask again in February 1961. Fleming wrote on February 6. No reply to date.

(2) Communication Workers: Initial request from Kehrer, July 22, 1960. Followup by Fleming, October 14, 1960. Response in its entirety: "This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 14. After discussing the matter with my associates, we are of the opinion that we do not want to authorize a contribution to the work of the Southern Regional Council at this time." J. A. Beirne, President.

(3) Rubber Workers: Letter from Kehrer, July 22; Followup October 14. No response.

The Kehrer efforts were successful however. Attached is a schedule of our labor contributions during 1960. In addition, we received in January 1961 a contribution of $500 from the Industrial Union Department, AFL-CIO.

These are, of course, changing times. Sometime later in the year we want to again launch a major fund drive. As you know, I have serious reservations about accepting labor money -- but we'll probably have no choice! In which case, we would like to call on you for substantial help. In the meantime, the three above don't look encouraging, but if you can do anything it would be nice.

My very best to Margaret and The Boy. You must come to see us soon. We have gone (almost) respectable here in the new location. Pleases me of course, except we still have too many people and too few machines. But, the matter is being corrected slowly.

Best, from all of us.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure

March 28, 1961

Mr. Berl Bernhard
Director
Civil Rights Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bernhard:

Mrs. O'Donnell, of your staff, telephoned yesterday seeking information regarding employment of Negro police in the South. I told her that we had such information but it was in manuscript form and we were not free to release it. Some months back we cooperated with Professor Elliott Rudwick, now in the Department of Sociology of the University of Southern Illinois, East St. Louis, Illinois, in furthering his efforts at surveying the employment and use of Negro police. From his study, which was carried out through a mailed questionnaire, Professor Rudwick has written three articles: one is titled "The Negro Policeman of the South" and has been published in the Journal of Criminal Law, Criminology and Police Science, July-August, 1960; this article contains no detailed statistics. A second one, titled "Negro Police Employment in the Urban South," will be published in the Spring issue of the Journal of Negro Education. I am forwarding to Mrs. O'Donnell several pages of statistics from this article. The longest table, however, which is Table I, Mr. Rudwick informs me will not be used by the Journal. A third article is titled "The Southern Negro Policeman and the White Offender." This is being considered for publication by the same journal. I am also forwarding to Mrs. O'Donnell a table headed "Arrest Power" from this article.

The purpose of this letter is to let you know that Professor Rudwick, while glad to make this information available to the Commission, desires that it not be used in any public release or made generally available until such time as it appears in print. I told Mr. Rudwick that I was confident you would honor his wishes. I would assume that by the time your next report is to be published all of his material would be in print, and that you would be free to use any of it you might care to have.

If you or your staff have any questions regarding the statistics, I would suggest that you take them up directly with Professor Rudwick.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosures to Mrs. O'Donnell:
  verifax copies Rudwick Negro police tables
CC: Rudwick, Elliott
    O'Donnell, Mrs. Garland W. (Librarian)

March 28, 1961

Dr. John Bevan
Dean
Florida Presbyterian College
St. Petersburg, Florida

Dear Dr. Bevin:

When Mr. Dabbs was here, he asked that we send you anything related to the post-desegregation experience at southern colleges and universities. I would like to recommend, first of all, that you take up this question with Dr. Guy Johnson, at the University of North Carolina. Dr. Johnson has maintained a continuing interest in the area; although he has not, I believe, published anything in the last couple of years, I am sure he is the best informed person. In the recent report of the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights, Equal Protection of the Laws in Higher Education, 1960, there are only a few pages which bear on your interest: see pp. 168-170.

The best thing which we have in our files is the document enclosed. Although it is a couple of years old, and was done by students (under the supervision, however, of Lewis Killian), it does present an interesting and informative picture.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosure: University of N.C. integration report

March 28, 1961

AIRMAIL

Dr. Rufus B. Atwood
President
Kentucky State College
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Atwood:

I am afraid we cannot be of much help in regard to the quieries in your letter of March 25. Merchants do not customarily make their sales figures public and are especially cautious when there is delicate and controversial situation. I am enclosing one of our reports as well as an interesting news release. These touch on the subject. Several newspaper reporters have similarly skirted around the question, but none have, to my knowledge, collected good facts. The Federal Reserve Board does circulate a monthly index of department store sales in the larger cities of the country. I have found it impossible, as yet at any rate, to document from the indices the dollar effect of the sit-ins, boycotts, or the resumption of buying. One problem is, as you undoubtedly know, that throughout the period of the protest retail sales generally have lagged.

But on the whole I should assume that the best evidence is silence. The fact that merchants who have desegregated are not complaining must indicate that they find desegregation more profitable than refusal to do so.

I am sorry we cannot be of more help and I wish you well in your efforts in Frankfort.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosures: new release
Price report

March 28, 1961

Professor Robert J. Harris
Department of Political Science
Vanderbilt University
Nashville 5, Tenn.

Dear Bob:

Many thanks for your letter, which I have had copied to send to Dan Pollitt. He did a terrific job--as did all of you who participated in preparing the report--and I wanted to convey your word to him.

Some of us had a chance earlier this month to carry the torch in Washington--this time by invitation! I'll give you the details when I see you again.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

March 28, 1961

Mr. Stephen R. Currier
666 Fifth Avenue
New York 19, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Currier:

I thank you for your letter of March 21. It was very good of you to write.

Although you and the Taconic Foundation have been already of inestimable assistance to the Southern Regional Council's work, I think your part in the creation of the Potomac Institute may well be an uniquely valuable contribution, not only to the solution of problems in which we are all interested but to the Council itself. The Institute will help bring on a climate of reasonableness and good will which will powerfully aid our efforts here in the South.

I trust you will continue to call on us whenever the need arises. We have some rather hard problems of reorganization to get over in the next few weeks, but we should soon be functioning smoothly--and, I hope, effectively--again.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

March 28, 1961

Mr. Kenneth Sherrill
1610 Avenue P
Brooklyn 29, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Sherrill:

We have not recently done or published any legal research on pupil placement laws or interposition resolutions. For your possible interest, I am enclosing a couple of items which may be useful to you as background.

In addition to Race Relations Law Reporter and its occasional reference articles, I have found the following articles to be of special value:

Daniel J. Meador, "The Constitution and the Assignment of Pupils to Public Schools," Virginia Law Review, Vol. 45, p. 517, 1959.
G. F. Foster, Jr., "Turning Point for Desegregation?," Saturday Review, December 17, 1960.
Robert J. Steamer, "The Role of the Federal District Courts in the Segregation Controversy," (I have this in manuscript form and cannot place my hand on the citation. It appeared, however, some time during 1960 in the Journal of Politics.)

On the related question of private schools, there was a useful article by Walter F. Murphy in the Journal of Politics, Vol. 20, p. 635.

On the doctrine of interposition, you will of course have seen the opinion of the three-judge court in Louisiana of November 30, 1960 (5 Race Relations Law Reporter, p. 1008). As good as anything, I suppose, in outlining the regional doctrine of interposition, is a report, The Doctrine of Interposition, Its

History and Application, A Report on Senate Joint Resolution 3 General Assembly of Virginia, 1956, and related matters, Commonwealth of Virginia, Division of Purchase and Printing.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

March 28, 1961

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, S. C.

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

I talked today with Bell Wiley and suggested that the three of us, plus others whom we might bring in, meet on the evening of April 18 to discuss the idea of the pamphlet. I am assuming that you may arrive the evening before the Executive Committee meeting. If agreeable with you, Bell could do this and perhaps the most convenient scheme would be to have dinner together. Please let me know and I shall confirm this with Bell.

You have a carbon of Bell's letter of March 23. I think he raises an important question. But as I told him today, my thought always has been that we use the Civil War as a springboard for discussing issues temporarily germane. It seemed to me altogether appropriate that the Council make its contribution to the Civil War Centennial by directing attention at the present day scene and future horizons.

Let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
CC: Bell Wiley

March 28, 1961

Mr. Arthur J. Levin
Southeastern Regional Office
Anti-Defamation League
41 Exchange Place, S.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Art:

Thank you for your official congratulations, but even more for your personal good wishes. What with Harold neither here nor gone, I have been getting enough into the job already so that I have become to feel a little dubious about the "congratulations" business. But it is good to know that you are at Exchange Place, and a wise head upon whom I will undoubtedly be frequently calling.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

March 28, 1961

The Rev. Nat Griswold
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

I will try to come for one day of the NAIRO meeting, if that can be arranged. I would prefer speaking on Thursday, June 1 rather than Friday. Please let me know if this is all right, what you want me to speak about, and for how long.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

March 29, 1961

Mrs. Helen F. Henry
64 Mimosa Drive
Jackson, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Henry:

We are mailing you today, under separate cover, some materials which we hope will be helpful to you concerning school desegregation. You might also be interested in contacting the H.O.P.E. organization here in Atlanta, mentioned in the New South article, for information from them regarding their organization and program. If you wish to do this, you may write to Mrs. Betty Harris, executive secretary, HOPE, 50 Whitehall Street S. W., Atlanta, Georgia. HOPE is an organization of white parents concerned, first, with keeping the schools open; they are now working toward peaceful desegregation this fall.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Mailed separately:

School Desegregation for 1960-61
School Desegregation: the first six years
Sanctuaries for Tradition: Virginia's New Private Schools
L-Reports 6, 16, 17, 24-A
New South, Feb. 1961, June 1959, July-Aug. 1959
The Louisville Story
Organizing to Save Public Schools (Va.)

March 29, 1961

Mr. Roy Key
3324 Kingman Blvd.
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Mr. Key:

Several days ago we mailed you some materials which we hope will behelpful to you in your research on "The Negro in contemporary American religious life." I am enclosing a few thermafax copies of recent things.

Re paragraph 2: the article by Will Campbell and the enclosure by Bishop Pike may help you with these questions. Here in the South it seems to me, from what I have read and heard and observed, that religion for the American Negro does have new spiritual depths; on the other hand, some of the intellectuals have turned from the church. In the South Mohammedanism has not made much impact: see *Atlanta Journal* story enclosed.

Re paragraph 3: I believe you would get better information on this from the following persons than from me: The Rev. Will Campbell, Dept. of Racial and Cultural Relations, National Council of Churches, P. O. Box 1083, Nashville, Tenn.; The Rev. Cornelius C. Tarplee, Associate Secretary for Intergroup Relations, Protestant Episcopal Church, P. O. Box 853, Lynchburg, Virginia; Dr. Herman Long, Race Relations Department, United Church of Christ, Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Enclosed:
  Thermafax copies, *Look* article, by Bishop Pike
  Journal clips re Muslims
Mailed separately:
  School Desegregation: first six years (section re religion)
  Hill, "This I Believe"
  Campbell, "Religion's Role in Desegregation"
  Perkins School of Theology, Summer '58

March 29, 1961

Mr. Reid D. Huntley
Yale Divinity School
409 Prospect Street
New Haven 11, Conn.

Dear Mr. Huntley:

We are mailing you today, under separate cover, some materials which we hope will be helpful to you in preparing your paper on ethics. There is no charge.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
Dabbs, "The Tragic Fellowship of Southerners"
Wright, "Public Ethics and the Integration Question"
Christian Century editorial, "Let Us Kneel-in Together"
McGill, "The Agony of the Southern Minister"
New South, Sept. 1959, "A Fresh Look at Race Relations," Bowles
Dec. 1959, "The Citizen's Responsibility," Wright
Jan. 1960, "Religion's Role in Desegregation," Campbell
June 1960, "The South's Potential & Resppnsibility," Cothran
July-Aug. 1960, "Standing Up for American Dream," Graham
Hill, "This I Believe"
Tarplee, "The Church in Areas of Racial Tension"
Collins, "The South and the Nation"
Dabbs, "The Immorality of Racial Segregation"
Campbell, "A Man Had Two Sons"
Dunbar, "Civil Disobedience"

March 29, 1961

Mr. Frederick B. Routh
Executive Director
Fair Employment Practices Commission
State of Michigan
900 Cadillac Square Bldg.
Detroit 26, Michigan

Dear Fred:

I was so glad to hear from you. I haven't quite wrenched my mind into focus on the darn job--like Scarlet, "I'll think about it tomorrow"--but when I do I suspect there will be more than a few occasions when I shall want to lean on your experience.

Because I have thought for some time that SRC's most energizing and fruitful days are just opening up, I am all the more sober about the change. Our assets, though, are strong: an accumulation of good will, a good staff, and the momentum which Harold and you and others have imparted.

Hope to see you sometime soon.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

March 29, 1961

Dr. Aaron Brown
Project Director
Phelps-Stokes Fund
297 Park Avenue South
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Brown:

We are pleased to send you the requested 25 copies of Haywood N. Hill, "This I Believe."

In response to your request for materials that might be helpful and be related to your subject, we are mailing under separate cover several items.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
- School Desegregation: the first six years
- Kenneth B. Clark, Some General Observations in the Negro Community of Little Rock, Ark.
- Frank H. Stallings, Racial Differences in Academic Achievement.
- Desegsegation and Academic Achievement, L-17
- Omer Carmichael, Transcript of Atlanta Television Program
- Carl F. Hansen, Transcript of Atlanta Television Program
- Report from Leadership Conference, Greater Atlanta Council on Human Relations
- 25 copies, This I Believe

March 29, 1961

Miss Lucia D. Lhamon
American Association of University Professors
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Lhamon:

We are mailing you today the requested 60 copies of Dr. Hill's This I Believe. There is no charge.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

March 29, 1961

Mr. Thomas J. Van Loon
Director of Staff Services
The General Board of Education
of the Methodist Church
P. O. Box 871
Nashville 2, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Van Loon:

I am sorry to inform you that our Report No. L-18 has been exhausted and we do not plan to reproduce it. I am enclosing a current list of our materials, and this includes L-Reports which are still available in quantity. We do not maintain a mailing list by subscription; however, we could put your name on our list to receive the L-Reports as issued (usually once or twice each month) and by subscribing to our monthly magazine, New South, you would be kept informed of other publications as they are released.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Enclosure:
Publications list

March 29, 1961

Forbes Security Management, Inc.
70 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Gentlemen:

We have a reserve fund of approximately $50,000 which we are considering placing under outside management. Would you please send us appropriate information on the use of Forbes Security Management for this purpose?

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

March 29, 1961

Mr. Ellis Giddens Jr.
National Affairs Chairman
SCORE
304 Lynn
Ames, Iowa

Dear Mr. Giddens:

Your letter of March 18 has been referred to this office. We are enclosing copies of a few recent news-clippings concerning non-discrimination agreements in off-campus university housing; unfortunately, we have no further material on this particular subject. You may wish to contact (if you are not already in touch with them) Students for Direct Action, at the University of Texas, for information on their activities in this area. (Address: V. Franklin, Secretary; Students for Direct Action, Scottish-Rite Dorm-64, University of Texas; Austin, Texas.)

c.m.ni

Some publications which might be of interest in connection with the broader area of general housing discrimination are listed on the attached sheet. Also, we are enclosing several spare pamphlets from our reference files.

Good luck to you in your efforts.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM:A
Enclosed:
  Current materials
  "Myths of Racial Integration"
  "If Your Next Neighbors Are Negroes"
  "They Say That You Say"
  "How to End Segregation in Housing"

1. "Discrimination Today in the U.S.A.: Housing." Social Action Series I, No. 5, National Federation of Catholic College Students, Social Action Secretariat, Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart, Purchase, New York.

2. "In Search of Housing," New York State Commission Against Discrimination, 270 Broadway, New York 7, N. Y., Attention: Edward Rutledge, Director, Housing Division.

3. "Where Shall We Live?" Report of the Commission on Race and Housing, University of California Press, Berkeley, 1958. (Fuller report is contained in a series of full length books, now available, including a final, comprehensive report: "Residence and Race," by Davis McEntire. University of California Press.)

March 29, 1961

Mr. Jennings Wood, Chief
Exchange and Gift Division
The Library of Congress
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Concerning your request of March 22, 1961, we are mailing you, under separatt cover, one copy each of our current publications and a copy of our latest list of materials.

If we can be of additional aid, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

March 30, 1961

Mrs. Dorothy Michael
Virginia Council on Human Relations
3-B Broad Grace Arcade Building
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Dorothy:

We are checking out the Communism on the Map filmstrip. In the meantime, I am enclosing a reference to it which we ran across recently.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Enc.

March 30, 1961

Miss Constance Curry
Southern Students Project
41 Exchange Place
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Connie:

I am sending on a photostat of a letter from Mrs. Ledeen of the South Carolina Council, concerning a hardship case with STUDENTS. It seems to me that this would be a very legitimate use of all that scholarship money NSA has been salting away to assist students who become involved in sit-in demonstrations. I would trust Mrs. Ledeen's evaluation of the situation.

I would question whether funds should be sought to match the entire amount of their fellowships, but we can investigate further to see how much would actually be needed to meet their needs. We trust you will respect the confidences involved and let me know fairly soon what the possibilities may be.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm
Enc.

March 30, 1961

Association Press
291 Broadway
New York 7, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

Please send us one copy of Paul Ramsey, Christian Ethics and the Sit-in and bill us for the $2.50 plus postage.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

March 30, 1961

UPUSA
Office of Church and Society
Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Dear Sirs:

Please send us one copy of your February issue of Social Progress, and bill us.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

March 30, 1961

The Rev. William Williams
Florida Council on Human Relations
4241 S. W. 109th Court
Miami 55, Florida

Dear Bill:

You may have seen the note in the newsletter concerning the President's new committee. It will be entitled the Committee on Equal Employment Opportunities. I believe it was not named correctly in the newsletter. Staff has not yet been selected to my knowledge, but it will be under the supervision of Mr. Holloman (I believe his first name is Jerry), an old Texas labor man who is now an Assistant Secretary of Labor. It will be housed in the Department of Labor. I would suggest that contacts be made to the committee at the Laber office, or in care of Holleman. The committee is officially operative as of April 4.

I will definitely plan to attend the May 6 board meeting at Daytona Beach. Would it be wise for us to consult together in Daytona on Friday or in Miami on Monday? I will probably be driving my wife down to meet with her Mother-in-law in Ft. Lauderdale, so that either time or place will be feasible.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

March 30, 1961

Mr. Nat Griswold
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

We have received your 1960 audit and appreciate it. We are concerned about one matter. Your audit does not show a balance sheet of the type that is normally included in an audit. Without such a statement of assets and liabilities, we really can have no idea of the financial status of the organization. I note that the auditors statement specifically states "receipts due or amounts owed at December 31 are not reflected in this report."

Could you check back and get the auditor to draw up such a balance sheet. If this would create a great deal of additional expense, then send me an informal statement that I can append to the audit and instruct the auditor to remember the balance sheet next year.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

March 30, 1961

VIA AIR MAIL

Mr. William H. Koch, Jr.
Migrant Citizenship Education Project
400 East 33rd Street
Box 1115
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Koch:

We have had inquiries concerning possible employment with one of our associated state councils on human relations from Mr. William M. Brooks of Atlanta. I understand that Mr. Brooks served as Migrant Minister with your organization from 1957-60. We would appreciate very much having your estimate of Mr. Brooks' capabilities.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

MEMORANDUM March 30, 1961

To: Grace Hamilton and Clarence Coleman
From: Paul Rilling

Re: William M. Brooks

We have had inquiries concerning possible employment with one of our associated state councils on human relations from Mr. William M. Brooks of Atlanta. Mr. Brooks gave your names as a possible reference. We would appreciate your estimate of his capabilities.

PMR/sm

March 30, 1961

Via Air Mail

Mr. John Feild
Legislative Secretary
Senator Philip A. Hart
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear John:

Harold's travel schedule to Washington unfortunately did not fit into our plans for him concerning the suggested presidential policy statement. He will not be getting back to Washington until late next week. You and John Lassoe had better proceed with the chore. Harold sends regrets and will be happy to be of further service in later stages of the drafting if this should be useful.

Regards,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

March 30, 1961

Mr. Ben Muse
Manassas
Virginia

Dear Ben:

Dorothy Michael of the Virginia Council office requests that you talk with her by telephone as soon as possible concerning the Moss situation. She has been unable to reach you by telephone and thought we might be in touch. She has been in quite close contact with Prince Edward County in recent weeks and has some information which she feels you should have. It was Dorothy who raised the original concern which caused me to call you.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

March 30, 1961

Mr. Richard C. deVilliers
Die Huisgennot
Posbus 1802
Kaapstad

Dear Mr. deVilliers:

It is a pleasure to hear from you, and I am happy to send a copy of our report The Federal Executive and Civil Rights.

Although I will shortly be leaving the Council to establish a new research agency in Washington, I am suggesting that you be sent the Council's periodic reports.

Jane and I recall your Atlanta visit with pleasure and send our best regards to you and Mrs. deVilliers.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

via air mail March 30, 1961

Miss Flora Rhind
Rockefeller Foundation
111 West 50th Street
New York 20, New York

Dear Miss Rhind:

Mr. DeVinney has been kind enough to inform me that our request may soon be considered by the trustees of the Foundation. Finding that he is out of the country, I felt I should let you know, in advance of publicity and more than routinely, of an impending change here at the Council.

The Council will shortly be announcing my resignation as executive director to accept a new post and the appointment as staff head of Dr. Leslie W. Dunbar, presently our director of research. Enclosed are copies of the announcements that will be mailed to members and friends of the Council in the next day or so.

Although there is no reason why this development should in any way influence consideration of the Council's request, I do want to speak a word of personal assurance. One factor in my own decision is my complete confidence that the Council will have superb staff leadership under Dr. Dunbar and that its growing effectiveness in the years just ahead is a certainty. Dr. Dunbar's creativeness and sureness of judgement have been more than amply demonstrated, and he will have the enthusiastic support of the policy leadership and an able staff.

These assurances may be wholly superfluous. But sometimes changes of this sort are viewed as tokens of uncertainty in an organization's life. I want to make sure that you and your colleagues understand that, in this instance, the exact opposite is true.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures
Bcc David Freeman

March 30, 1961

2d Lt. E. Lee Lassiter
The Adjutant General's School, U. S. Army
Fort Benjamin Harrison
Indianapolis 16, Indiana

Dear Lt. Lassiter:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, some material on the sit-ins and related subjects.

If we can be of additional aid, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

March 30, 1961

Mr. & Mrs. George Wolfe
7901 Carroll Avenue
Takoma Park 12, Maryland

Dear George and Bee:

The enclosed letter and release speak for themselves, but I didn't want you to learn of this change without a personal word from me.

As the enclosures suggest, the Council is in good shape and will be in excellent hands with Les Dunbar as director. My new work will keep me in close touch with both the Council and the South; it will really be an extension of many of the things I have been doing here.

In due course, I'll be sending you more information about the Washington effort -- including such still-not-resolved matters as address and telephone number. Of course, I won't be moving the family until summer and will meanwhile be commuting energetically.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

April 3, 1961

Mr. J. J. Brewbaker
545 Mayflower Drive
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Brew:

Thanks for your report on the regional meeting of the A. A. S. A. It sounds as though it was a fruitful occasion.

I appreciate your congratulatory word on my new position. I will miss the working association with you and all my other co-workers in SRC. But Washington is not far, and I expect to be in close touch with all of you.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
P. S. -- The clipping about Reginald Young of Maury High is heartening indeed; you have every reason to feel proud.

HCF

April 3, 1961

Mr. Harry Ashmore
Box 4068
Santa Barbara, California

Dear Harry:

I was sorry to miss you in Washington recently. Since I did, I must content myself with sending you the enclosed announcements about the changing of the guard at SRC.

As you will see, I am to be a sort of a vigilante on the New Frontier, operating very much in the spirit of the Council. (That is, being officious, but trying not to appear to.)

I hanker for a chance to sit down and talk with you at length about all this. My new work will have me commuting between Atlanta and Washington until school is out and I can move the family. It also means that I will be coming to New York pretty frequently for a day or so at a time. Keep me posted on your own travel schedule so that we can plan the next reunion.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2.

April 3, 1961

Mr. Morris Ernst
Greenbaum, Wolff & Ernst
285 Madison Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Morris:

As you will see from the enclosure, I will soon be putting in full time in Washington. This should afford me ample opportunity to try to interest appropriate official agencies in updating Integration North and South. If I am successful in this, you will be hearing from me.

My best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure

April 3, 1961

Reverend W. Carroll Brooke
Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Carroll:

I was sorry that the special meeting of the Executive Committee had to take place on a date that was impossible for you. But I was deeply grateful for your kind letter of March 15.

As you will have seen from the minutes, Les Dunbar was unanimously chosen as the next director. This was the recommendation I could make wholeheartedly and I was very pleased that the members present all shared my feeling that Les will do an outstanding job.

It will be some time before I feel at home in any other setting than this one, and I shall miss the association with you and the others who made these years so pleasant. But I am comforted by the fact that Washington is close. As soon as I get a working base there, I will let you know what it is in the hope that you will visit me soon and often.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 3, 1961

Mr. Lewis Smythe
College of the Bible
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Smythe:

Many thanks for your two recent letters and a copy of "Southern Chucches and Race Relations," that you were kind enough to send. By now, Dr. Montgomery would probably have received word of my resignation from the Council in order to accept a new position in Washington. I am enclosing a copy. As you will see, the new executive director of the Council will be Dr. Leslie W. Dunbar.

In view of this change of positions, I fear I must decline your kind invitation to take part in the Interracial Consultation to be held in July. Ordinarily, nothing would please me more, but the next few months promises to be so demanding in my new situation that I dare not take on any further obligations.

If I can be of any service to you and Dr. Montgomery in securing an appropriate person for this assignment you have only to let me know. Meanwhile, with kind regards to you both, I am

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Enclosure - 1.

April 3, 1961

Mr. Benjamin Muse
P. O. Box 312
Manassas, Virginia

Dear Ben:

Two possibilities on the Atlanta papers are Bruce Galphin, who covers racial news for the Constitution, and Gordon Roberts, an able reporter for the Journal. Either one of them, I believe, could be counted on to do a competent job for the Star.

As ever,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 3, 1961

Reverend Emory Burton
Highlands Methodist Church
3701 Crestmore Avenue
Huntsville, Alabama

Dear Mr. Burton:

It is with great regret that I must decline your kind invitation to address the Huntsville Ministers' Association. Ordinarily, I should be more than happy to do so -- especially in view of the fact that my friend Harrison McMains is there -- but, as you will see from the advance release enclosed, this is a time of change for me.

If you would be interested in having another staff member of the Southern Regional Council, or if we can suggest other possibilities, do call on us.

I have asked appropriate staff members here to track down the error in your New South'subscription and to see that it is corrected.

Please share my best regards with Harrison McMains.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 3, 1961

Mr. Wright G. Baker
Committee on Leaders and Specialists
American Council on Education
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Baker:

At Mr. Anthony's request, I am enclosing a copy of the schedule which he arranged for the ten African broadcasters who visited us last week.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary

MF
Enclosure - 1.

April 3, 1961

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: BM

FROM: LWD

I think yoursuggestion of reprinting the population article from the March 26 Post is good; I agree with you that the maps will not be needed. I wonder if you would like to call one of your friends on the Post to secure permission. I think we could do this by ~~offset~~ photo-offset.

April 3, 1961

Mr. Benjamin Muse
Box 312
Manassas, Virginia

Dear Ben:

Mr. Fillmore tells me that he mailed you a number of copies of L-24 A on Thursday of last week. We had put through a request for the usual number of L-reports for you; but now we find that since you had discussed distribution of this with Les Dunbar, the research department had made out an order for you and only one was sent with the regular order.

If you have not received the additional copies now, please write either Les or me.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

April 3, 1961

Mr. Harry Boyte
Director
Greater Atlanta Council on Human Relations
41 Exchange Place, Room 309
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Harry:

Congratulations on your effective handling of the Georgia Bar Association and the Dean Rusk episode. This is an important achievement.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm
cc: Frances Pauley

April 3, 1961

Mr. Nat Griswold
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

We have not been able to come up with much in the way of suggestions for a speaker on community factors in plant location at your regional NAIRO meeting. I trust you will have heard from Les by now indicating that he will be on hand to do the chore requested. At least we are trying to be helpful.

On the economic matter, I have only three suggestions, none of them particularly exciting. One would be Mr. Jim Montgomery, business editor of the Constitution. He has written an economic analysis in this area, copy of which is enclosed. Another possibility would be Dr. Ernest Swanson of the School of Business Administration of Emory University. A third possibility would be Mr. John Gould who is associated with Phil Hammer in the firm of Hammer Associates. I have been trying to reach Phil for a solid week to check on the Gould possibility, but have been unsuccessful to date. Phis is considering moving his firm to Washington and is consequently under considerable pressure of decision, etc.

If any of these ideas seem particularly useful, I would suggest you move as follows. We have no close relationship here to Montgomery or Swanson and I would suggest that you write these persons directly, indicating if you wish that these suggestions came from us in case they should wish to check with us. It might be strategic in writing Montgomery to indicate that your interest was sparked by his article. In the case of John Gould, I would be willing to make the contact directly.

You might do better looking to Texas and points west for your specialist. Have you asked for suggestions from NAIRO contacts in the southwest?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

pmr/sm

April 3, 1961

Miss Ruth Arnold
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Ruth:

I have no particularly brilliant ideas on how to pursue the Peabody matter further. My inclination would be to send a formal letter of complaint to Dr. McClurkin and to the president of Peabody and to see what follows. I think the letter might hint that the Arkansas Council was considering a public statement on the matter. This is calculated to sow considerable apprehension and unrest with the Peabody people.

I will try to comply with your request for Mrs. Brewer today.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

April 3, 1961

Mr. Lester Kabacoff
Edgar Stern Family Fund
521 Royal Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Kabby:

Strictly for your information, we have been able to encourage an outside donor to contribute $2,500 to SOS for continued operation during the months ahead. We feel justified in recommending the contribution in view of the continued crisis in New Orleans and my feeling that SOS has in recent months rendered significant service and operated quite responsibly. I hope you concur. The decision to accept outside funds was theirs. The funds came from a quite respectable source.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

April 3, 1961

Mr. Henry Cabirac, Jr.
Executive Director
Catholic Council on Human Relations
P. O. Box 4366
New Orleans 18, Louisiana

Dear Henry:

We were very pleased to note that the Catholic Council on Human Relations was born on schedule and received reasonably good coverage in the local press. With a board meeting scheduled April 6, you seem to be maintaining your good start and momentum. The quality of your leadership looks good, although some of the names are not known to me.

I presume you will be channeling most of your energy to membership and organization for the time being. When you get to the point of program planning, perhaps we can talk further. I am sending along a few newsletters which will give you some idea of what some councils on human relations are doing here and there. Generally speaking, they function in the area of communication, public education, fact finding and research, trouble shooting and negotiation.

I would urge you to consult with the two staff people in the area of human relations in New Orleans, Mr. Irving Schulman of the Anti-Defamation League, and Mr. Harvey Kearns of the New Orleans Urban League. When you get to the point of special solicitation of non-Catholic membership, I would suggest that you talk with Mrs. Moise Cahn, Mrs. Betty Wisdom, Dr. Al Dent, president of Dillard, and with Mrs. C. W. Coffey.

I will probably be getting back to New Orleans in early May and hope we can have somewhat more time together then.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

April 3, 1961

Mrs. Robert S. Hill
28 Bruce Street
Jackson, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Hill:

I am sending you a copy of the Louisville Story which will give you some background on how the Louisville community moved in a number of areas. They have, however, run into trouble recently concerning lunch counter desegregation, even as has Jackson. I am also enclosing some materials concerning solution of lunch counter activities in various communities.

I am glad to learn that interracial discussions are moving forward in Jackson. I think this is a very useful step in the light of your recent difficulties. It is hard for me to give you any more specific help without more detailed knowledge of Jackson and of the problems you may be working on. I believe that you have a desegregated bus situation and also a desegregated library. I believe you are not facing a school suit but are involved in demonstrations concerning lunch counters. If this is so, the Louisville experience may be of only limited value to you although the developments prior to desegregation there might indicate some useful directions.

We will be happy here to consult with you in more detail from time to time and I might even be able to come to Jackson at some time in the future. I hope that you are in touch with Miss Katherine Jones, the very able director of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations (2011 Grand Avenue, Nashville). We cooperate very closely with the Tennessee Council.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm
Enclosures
cc - Kath. Jones

April 3, 1961

Miss Ella Baker
Regional Student Y.W.C.A.
41 Exchange Place, S.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Ella:

It will be quite all right to reimburse my expenses after the fact. We try to be genteel about these things over here.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

April 3, 1961

Mr. Galen Martin
Kentucky Commission on Human Relations
311 Capitol Building
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Galen:

The next Southern Inter-Agency meeting will be May 2 and 3, probably in New Orleans. We will be getting notices out definitely this week. We have, however, removed your name from the list of those attending the SIA meetings, in compliance with the traditional policy of inviting only representatives of regional agencies or of national agencies operating in the South. If you still carry a regional responsibility for the Unitarian Service Committee, you should, of course, continue to be involved.

The minutes of the last meeting have not yet gone out, because they have not yet been received from Charles Wittenstein who acted as secretary for the last meeting. I hope they too will go out this week.

There are some impending changes here. The enclosed has not as yet been released to the press and is sent for your information only.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm
Enclosure

April 3, 1961

Miss Katharine Taylor
41 Hawthorn Street
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Katharine:

I was ever so grateful for your letter concerning our report to President Kennedy. I have delayed answering until I could tell you about an impending change in my circumstances. The enclosures are self explanatory, except that they say very little about the new organization I will be launching in Washington. But I will fill you in on that later, after it has taken on more definite shape. For the time being, I will be commuting between Washington and Atlanta until school is out and I can move the family.

I am not sure you have met Leslie Dunbar, who will shortly become the Executive Director. He is a first rate man both personally and professionally, and there is every reason to have high hopes for the Council under his direction. I hope that one of these days you will have another occasion to come South and visit the Council under its new leadership.

My new work will take me to New York frequently and this leads me to hope that we will be able to rendevous there in the near future. As soon as I get a working base in Washington you will be hearing from me again. Meanwhile, warm regards as ever.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2.

April 3, 1961

Mr. & Mrs. George S. Mitchell
Glencoe, Argyll
Scotland

Dear Alice and George:

Your recent letter was a joy, and I am this long in replying only because I have been travelling so hard lately. That is wonderful news about Ellen's expectations and your impending grand-parenthood. I do hope you won't have to wait too long to see the new offspring after he or she arrives.

As you will see from the enclosures, I am about to follow in George's footsteps once more and, in my terms, make way for a very able fellow. George knew Leslie Dunbar; in fact, once propositioned him to become SRC's field director. He has done a first rate job directing our research program.

My next job, of course, will take us to Washington. But first we have to let Gary finish this school term and sell our house in Ansley Park, which we have just finished fixing up to suit our hearts desires. We like what we know about Washington, however, and are looking forward to trying a new situation after almost fourteen years in this one. My new work will be very much in accord with SRC's spirit and philosophy and will keep me in close touch with the South, the Council, and race relations in general.

As soon as we know where we are going to be up there, I will write you again. Meanwhile, I still have some days to put in here at SRC, and then will be commuting pretty frequently between Atlanta and Washington until we make the family move.

Your many, many friends here think and speak of you both often. It's good to know that the two of you are enjoying a pleasant and simple life in that pleasant country.

I will tell all and sundry what a serviceable gift the raincoat turned out to be.

Most affectionate regards to you both.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2.

April 3, 1961

Mr. James P. Brawley
President
Clark College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Brawley:

The dates for the south wide workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned - Southern Women Concerned About Their South have been set for November 1 and 2. We would like so much again to have the same splendid accommodations which we have had at Kresge Hall in years past. It is an ideal place for us to meet and as a Methodist I really am proud of the fact that Clark College with its Kresge Hall belongs to our Church.

With deep appreciation for all you have done for me and the Fellowship of the Concerned in the past, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

April 3, 1961

Dr. Rufus Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

The south wide workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned will be held in Atlanta, November 1 and 2. We are asking you, as you have done in the past, to give us some rooms at Bumstead Hall. The women love to stay there and appreciate very much Mrs. Murphy's interest in each of them.

Hoping this will be convenient and thanking you for all the favors of years past, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

April 3, 1961

Mr. Irving Weinstein
Assistant Executive Director
Community and Social Agency Employees Union
3rd Floor - 149 West 28th Street
New York 1, New York

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

Enclosed is a descriptive folder concerning our magazine New South in which you denoted interest. In addition, we are placing your name on our mailing list for other pamphlets and reports as they are issued from the Council. This will not include New South, subscription price of which is two dollars.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

April 3, 1961

Miss Mary Pouliot
c/o Dr. J. C. Drewitz
956 West Oklahoma Avenue
Milwaukee 15, Wisconsin

Dear Miss Pouliot:

Enclosed is some informational material about the Southern Regional Council. The Council is not a membership organization but is directed by a board of directors composed of white and Negro southerners. We do have a monthly magazine which is available to individuals on a subscription basis. A descriptive folder is enclosed.

I hope this reaches you by the date you specified, but it has been delayed due to the Easter holiday.

If we cnn be of additional aid, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

April 3, 1961

Mr. Lawrence Lader
170 East 77th Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Larry:

Your recent letter and the promise of an advance copy of your forthcoming book were most appreciated. I will be glad to put in a word with McGill. The book sounds like the sort that would interest him greatly.

As you will see from the enclosure, I will soon be moving nearer to your baliwick. Among other things, my new duties will take me to New York pretty frequently. I hope we can soon get together, there or here, so that I can tell you more about the new operation and hear more about your current doings. I will be putting in some time in Atlanta until school is out, since I can't move my family until then.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

April 4, 1961

Mrs. Edward W. Macy
Consultant
Religious Resources Project
National Urban League, Inc.
14 East 48th Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mrs. Macy:

Thanks for your good letter. I am glad to send you separately twenty (20) copies of "This I Believe" for the use of your Women's Committee. There is no charge.

I shall see that your name is added to our mailing list.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. -- In case you haven't already heard, I am enclosing an announcement of our impending staff change here at the Council. I expectedo continue to be active in the Mass Media Committee.

HCF

April 4, 1961

Mr. Mathew Ahmann
National Catholic Conference for
Interracial Justice
21 W. Superior Street
Chicago 10, Illinois

Dear Matt:

We can supply 150-200 copies of Racial Crisis and the Press at .15 per copy. This is somewhat less than the cost of the pamphlet to us, but we will be glad for it to have the circulation you propose.

Offhand, I can think of nothing else of the sort that is current.

While I am writing, I enclose a copy of a news releast the Council will shortly be issuing. My new work in Washington will be very much in the same field, and I shall hope to continue a close and cooperative relationship with you and the N.C.C.I.J.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Encls: [illegible] Dabbs memo and news release on resignation of HCF; Dunbar speeches: "Reflections on the Latest Reform of the South," "Civil Disobedience"

April 4, 1961

Dr. Kenneth Clark
Northside Center
31 West 110th Street
New York, New York

Dear Ken:

Following our telephone conversation, I intercepted the attached mailing going forward to you today.

I have added copies of a couple of Les Dunbar's speeches, which I hope you will find time to look through. They reflect something of the commitment of the man, as do most of the reports and materials the Council has published in the past two years. I hope you two will have an opportunity to get to know each other very soon.

I am looking forward myself to the chance to get together again with you. I am sure you will approve of the idea behind the new Washington operation, and I need all of the good advice you can give me.

Any reassurance and support you can give the Council's cause at the New York Foundation will be deeply appreciated. And, believe me, you will find that they are justified.

My best regards.

As ever,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 4, 1961

Professor W. B. Johns
Department of Sociology
University of Tennessee
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Professor Johns:

As I said to you on the telephone, we would most strongly recommend Herbert Jenkins, Chief of Police in Atlanta, as a panelist for your meeting. If you cannot get him, perhaps you would like to write Capt. R. E. Little; Capt. Little is, under Chief Jenkins, assigned to racial relations problems here.

You were right about the name of the Charlotte police chief: Jesse R. James. We have heard good things about him.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

April 4, 1961

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Topknot
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Many thanks for your letter of March 30. You need not at all mind stealing anything which you will favor from my civil disobedience speech. I am sure that you are not unmindful of the fact that I had already stolen a bit here and there from your New South article. Both you and Harris Wofford have written first-rate dissertations on this question. It is a big problem though, and one which has always bothered me. When I got the invitation to speak at Earlham I yielded to temptation and paraded my own questions and worries.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

April 4, 1961

Professor Bell I. Wiley
Department of History
Emory University
Atlanta 22, Georgia

Dear Bell:

I have heard from Mr. Dabbs that he will be able to meet with us on the evening of April 18. Why don't you be our guest for dinner? Would 6;30 p. m. at Herrins' suit?

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:A
CC: J.M.Dabbs

April 4, 1961

Mrs. Joe R. Brewer
Route 1, Box 314
Scott, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Brewer:

Ruth Arnold has asked me to do something in the way of an endorsement of the role of the Arkansas Council. If the enclosed does not meet your needs, feel free to alter it some way or let me know if you need something longer or different.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm
Enc.

April 4, 1961

Mr. Bethune Jones
234 River Road
Red Bank, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Jones:

We are returning the renewal offer which you sent us recently. Since we find that our present sources of information are sufficient for our needs, we will not be taking advantage of your offer at this time. Thank you for contacting us; you are doing a good job.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

April 4, 1961

Look Magazine
488 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Sirs:

We wish to order 300 reprints of "The Roots of Bias" by the Rt. Rev. James A. Pike, March 14, 1961 issue of LOOK. Our check for $15.00 is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Enclosure: check

April 4, 1961

Mr. Jesse DeVore
Public Relations Assistant
N.A.A.C.P.
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, N. Y.

Dear Mr. DeVore:

We would like very much to receive a copy of a mimeographed report, delivered at the Annual Meeting of the N.A.A.C.P. on January 3, 1961, "Racism Within Organized Labor: a report of five years of the AFL-CIO, 1955-1960." If you have extra copies available, will you please send us one?

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

April 4, 1961

Mr. J. M. Kaplan
55 Fifth Avenue
New York 3, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Kaplan:

We reprinted "This I Believe" by Dr. Hayward N. Hill, and do have 1,000 copies available. The cost is .02 each, plus postage. I am enclosing one copy so that you may see how it looks.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Enclosure

April 4, 1961

Mr. Seymour Samet
Southeast Area Director
The American Jewish Committee
1210 Congress Building
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Mr. Samet:

We do have the requested 700 copies of "This I Believe" by Haywood N. Hill; the cost is .02 each, plus postage. Do you still want the 700 copies?

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

April 4, 1961

Professor Vincent M. Barnett, Jr.
Department of Political Science
Williams College
Williamstown, Massachusetts

Dear Professor Barnett:

We are mailing you today, parcel post special handling, the requested six copies of our report, The Federal Executive and Civil Rights. We hope they will arrive in good time for the study assignment.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

April 4, 1961

Mr. Julius M. Klein
Coordinator
County of Los Angeles
Commission on Human Relations
703 Hall of Records
Los Angeles 12, California

Dear Mr. Klein:

We are mailing you today one copy (under separate cover) of McMillan's Racial Violence and Law Enforcement. There is no charge for this copy. The booklet sells for .25 each, and we could let you have it in quantity for .20 each.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

April 4, 1961

Mrs. Ruby Hurley
Southeastern Regional Director
NAACP
859½ Hunter Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ruby Hurley:

I would appreciate it if you would give me a little more information in detail about the Religious Leaders Conference. You may have told me when you talked to me how long you want me to speak, where, etc.; but Mr. Tilly has been so seriously ill since then, until I certainly have not had much mind but to watch over him. He is better now, however.

I am enclosing my biographical sketch.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Encl.

(Dictated by Mrs. Tilly, signed in her absence)

April 4, 1961

Mr. Joseph S. Davis
691 Mirada Avenue
Stanford, California

Dear Mr. Davis:

Thank you for your renewed interest in the Council and for your letter inquiring about membership. The Council no longer has a general membership. When State affiliates were organized in 1954, membership was transferred to individual state organizations.

You may still subscribe to NEW SOUTH, however; and I am asking the subscription clerk to place your name on the list. A subscription to NEW SOUTH will enable you to keep abreast of the Council's other publications and a contribution to the Council will entitle you to be placed on our all purpose mailing list.

We are mailing you, under separate cover, a copy of CHANGING PATTERNS IN THE NEW SOUTH, free of charge; and we have included a recent folder concerning the Southern Regional Council.

Also enclosed in this letter is a listing of some of our recent materials in which you may be interested.

Again thanks.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

April 4, 1961

Miss Martha Lavell
Research Analyst
City of Philadelphia
Commission on Human Relations
16 South Broad Street
Philadelphia 2, Pa.

Dear Miss Lavell:

We are mailing you today, under separate cover, the requested copy of McMillan, Racial Violence and Law Enforcement.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

April 4, 1961

Professor Abner Brodie
Professor of Law
School of Law
University of Wisconsin
Madison 6, Wisconsin

Dear Professor Brodie:

I am glad to know of the Russell Bull Scholarship award which has been created by the U. P. W. A.

My only thoughts on procedure are pretty obvious ones -- namely, appropriate distribution of descriptive literature and application forms for the award. One appropriate category to be circularized would be the intergroup relations agencies. For illustration of the number and variety of these groups I am enclosing a rough but up-to-date list of organizations that carry on staffed programs in the South. The National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials, Room 209, 426 West 58th Street, New York 19, has a more comprehensive nationwide directory in printed form which your Commission might wish to order. I take it for granted that distribution would be made to appropriate unions.

An alternative approach would be to enlist the special cooperation of one or two organizations that are especially knowledgeable about student activities, as for example the National Student Association. N.S.A. and perhaps other liberal student groups might be asked to submit names and qualifications of a given number of candidates for review and final decision by the Commission.

Whatever procedure is established, I am sure the Southern Regional Council and the State Councils on Human Relations with which it works would be more than happy to cooperate.

I know of no candidates so obviously outstanding that I would be justified in submitting the name before you have established systematic procedures for nomination.

If we can be of further assistant in any way, call on us.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 4, 1961

Dr. Clifton O. Dummett
Chief, Dental Service
Department of Medicine and Surgery
Veterans Administration Hospital
Tuskegee, Alabama

Dear Dr. Dummett:

I shall be glad to come to Tuskegee to speak before the John A. Andrew Clinical Society meeting, Dental Section, on April 24. Please do not feel concerned about the program having already been printed. There is a certain advantage in coming on people by surprise.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosure: news release

April 4, 1961

Mr. McNeill Smith
Suite 700
Jefferson Standard Building
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mac:

Your idea of a separate printing and distribution of the North Carolina Advisory Committee's report is excellent. You will know better than I what intra-state distribution would be possible and desirable. I should think your proposed figure of 5,000 would be easily justified.

The main virtue of such a report for out-of-state use would be the example it might set for the other states. In this connection, I am sure the Southern Regional Council would want to buy at least a modest supply of copies.

As you will see from the enclosures, Les Dunbar will very shortly be making such decisions here, and I am passing your letter on to him.

I hope soon I will have a chance to talk with you about the new operation I am going to be launching in Washington. The aim will be to provide a useful supplement to the work of the government agencies and such organizations as the Southern Regional Council.

In any case, I shall expect to be in continuing touch with you for advice and mutual help.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 4, 1961

The Rev. H. C. Lavenby
Department of Christian Social Relations
281 Park Avenue, South
New York 10, New York

1,000 copies of reprint, "This I Believe"
by Dr. Haywood Hill, @ .02 each

$20.00

ordered by telephone, 4-3-61

April 4, 1961

Mrs. Ruby Hurley
Regional Secretary
N.A.A.C.P.
859½ Hunter Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ruby:

I will serve as a panel participant in the discussion of Church influence on community agencies in the prevention of school desegregation crisis.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

April 4, 1961

Mr. Robert H. Bohlke
Assistant Professor
Social Science Department
State University College of Education
Oneonta, New York

Dear Mr. Bohlke:

Thank you for the subscription to NEW SOUTH and the request for additional material. Your order is being filled.

The Council does not have general membership; but through your subscription to NEW SOUTH, you will be kept abreast of new Council material.

As to your question concerning Negro population, the research department has come up with the following:

> Preliminary Census Reports for 1960 containing such data have been received for only a few states. Note that the 1950 census is the source for figures on all states but Mississippi and North Carolina.

States with counties having 50% or more Negro population

	State	Total No. of Counties	No. of Counties with 50% or more Negro population
(1960)	Mississippi	82	29
(1960)	North Carolina	100	11
(1950)	Arkansas	75	7
(1950)	Alabama	67	15
(1950)	Florida	67	2

Mr. Robert H. Bohlke
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April 4, 1961

	State	Total No. of Counties	No. of Counties with 50% or more Negro population
(1950)	Georgia	159	42
(1950)	Louisiana	64	14
(1950	South Carolina	46	21
(1950)	Tennessee	95	2
(1950)	Virginia	98	17
(1950)	Texas	254	4

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

April 5, 1961

Mrs. E. G. Silver
201 East Vanderbilt Drive
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Silver:

In response to your letter of the third, I am enclosing a list of our local councils on human relations in the cities requested. If we can be of any further help, please let us know. I am sure these groups would welcome the support of any of your women in the various cities.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Timothy Miller, secretary
to the Field Director

ALABAMA

Montgomery Council on Human Relations
Dr. R. D. Crockett
Alabama State College
Montgomery, Ala.

Birmingham Council on Human Relations
Dr. C. Herbert Oliver
55 18th Avenue South
Birmingham, Alabama

Mobile CHR
Father Albert Foley
Spring Hill College
Mobile, Ala.

GEORGIA

Atlanta Council on HR
Harry Boyte, Exec. Dir.
Mrs. Walter Paschall, Chairman
41 Exchange Place, S.E., Room 309
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Mrs. J. Watkins Dimon
2039 13th Street
Columbus, Ga.
(Columbus CHR)

Dr. Willis Glover
1680 Adams Street
Macon, Georgia
(Macon CHR)

South Carolina

Greenville CHR
Dr. E. L. McPherson
118 N. Calhoun Street
Greenville

(There are chapters in Beaufort, Ridgeland, Rock Hill and Sumter, but not in the other places you mentioned.)

TENNESSEE

Charles L. Cleland, Chr.
Box 1011
Knoxville, Tenn.

Mrs. Robert W. Peelle, Chr.
409 West Vanderbilt, Oak Ridge

Mr. George Barrett, Chr.
216 - 3rd Avenue North
Nashville, Tennessee

The Rev. Arnold Slater, Chr.
1800 Crestwood Drive
Chattanooga, Tenn.

The Rev. Eugene Luening, Chr.
4443 Sequoia
Memphis, Tennessee

FLORIDA

Rev. J. B. Nichols
914 Baylin Street
Pensacola (PCHR)

Mr. I. H. Burney
Box 660
Jacksonville (JHRC)

Mississippi

None

April 5, 1961

Mr. Martin Lipp
555 Packard Street
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mr. Lipp:

We are mailing separately some materials which we hope will be helpful. As you know, our operation covers only the Southern region and consequently much of our program activity and information is not too applicable to a community like Omaha.

You mentioned that your next target will be the desegregation of recreation facilities. Of course, strategy varies, depending on whether these facilities are public or private. If they are publicly operated, the law is clear and an appeal to the courts will correct the situation. If the facilities are privately owned, the appeal must be to conscience and public opinion, unless there are state laws in Nebraska against such discrimination.

The kind of activities that have been successfully used in the border and upper South states generally follows some variation of this format: 1) There are quiet efforts by two or three Negroes to use the facilities involved. This makes the pattern of discrimination clear, and there is always the chance that they will be received. 2) If Negroes peacefully seeking admittance are denied use of the facilities, the next step is usually an effort to negotiate. This gives the owner or operator a chance to consider the issue and change his policy before any public outcries or major issues are developed. It is usually advisable to include adults with students in such a negotiation overture. 3) If the negotiation is not successful and the courts provide no avenue of redress, the next step is generally to take the issue to the public through public statements and appeals and the use of pickets protesting discrimination. At this stage, it is useful to invite supporting statements from influential organizations and public figures. 4) If the courts are not available, the final recourse is to apply economic pressure including the withholding of patronage by those in disagreement with the discriminatory practices. Such an effort must be well organized and have broad support to have any effect. Of course, a further possible appeal, not available in the South, would be to legislative action by city council or state legislature in the direction of anti-discriminatory legislation.

If we can provide any more specific information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

April 5, 1961

Mrs. Theodore Ledeen
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Libby:

I believe that we have found a source of funds for the two students you mentioned. Funds will not come from our treasury but from a source which wants to remain anonymous, although it is quite respectable.

We are not sure yet how much money can be secured for this purpose. I think we need to know the details of the financial needs of the students. There is some hesitation over providing $1,500 for a nine months period. This figure sounds somewhat above the minimum for a school year. We are checking the amount of possible aid available. In the meantime, send us more details as soon as you can. I believe we can get a decision rather promptly.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

April 5, 1961

Mr. Herman Stone, Jr.
841 Lane Avenue
Jackson, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Stone:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, the material we have which might best answer your needs in regard to North Carolina. This is skimpy, but I would suggest that you write Mr. Harry S. Jones, director of North Carolina Council on Human Relations, 121 East Third Street, Room 209, Charlotte, North Carolina. He would be able to give you some more specific information.

With best wishes for your work there in Jackson.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

April 5, 1961

The Rev. J. C. Wilson
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1224, Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Mr. Wilson:

We are enclosing your quarterly support check. You will notice that it is only one-half of your normal amount. This is in consideration of the vacancy in the director's office which considerably reduces your normal financial commitments. Father Foley will remember that in our letter to him announcing Alabama aid for 1961, we mentioned that the figure was contingent upon employment of a full-time director. The board established a policy last fall of scaling down aid payments during periods when state councils did not need to meet normal staff salary commitments. Our state support funds are sufficiently limited that this policy was felt to be necessary and justifiable. Needless to say, your support from SRC will go back up to the previous level upon the effective date of the employment of a full-time director.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm
cc: Father Foley

April 5, 1961

Mrs. Betty Wisdom
413 Hillary
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Betty:

We were quite excited about the good news concerning Tulane maybe. We had had no inkling of this possible change.

I am enclosing several articles from the Atlanta Constitution concerning the Black Muslims moving here and generally. At least it serves the purpose of making most integrationist groups appear moderate and middle of the road.

Many thanks on the good work concerning Monitor South. It would appear that for the moment, at any rate, their efficiency and organization does not live up to their pretenses. Yes, yes, we are interested in the John Birch Society.

For speaking suggestions, I don't think Terry Sanford is a very likely one. I have only the same kind of obvious ideas, like Harry Golden, Hodding Carter, Leroy Collins or perhaps an unknown speaker from Atlanta or Virginia, or maybe the president of the Women's Emergency Committee in Little Rock.

Congratulations on the increase of white children to 14. Onward and upward!

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Enc.

April 5, 1961

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Services, Inc.
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

I am enclosing the latest data I have on South Carolina registration and you will see that it is for the 1958 re-registration; as I don't have to tell you, this event occurs i in South Carolina every ten years and so the figures have had the fat eleminated quite recently and should still,therefore, be fairly good. I would imagine that you could get the up-to-date figures from the Secretary of State, but maybe not.

Many thanks for your good and consoling words in your letter of March 31. Keep the tranquilizers but keep your sympathies open also.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosures

April 5, 1961

Mr. John Bartlow Martin
185 Maple Avenue
Highland Park, Illinois

Dear John:

The race relations climate in the South generally, and Georgia specifically, has taken a marked turn for the better in recent months. One overall index is the finding of the Gallup Poll that 76 per cent of Southerners sampled now view desegregation as inevitable, as compared with 53 per cent in 1958 and 45 per cent in 1957.

The exceptions to the trend are Mississippi and Alabama, where the leaders are still saying, "Never", and Louisiana and South Carolina where they say, "Well, hardly ever." Yet even in these states, there is more creeping realism under the surface.

Enclosed are two documents that illustrate the changes in Georgia. The first is the report of the Sibley Commission; headed by a leading banker, this legislative body held hearings throughout the state and paved the way for the "local option" laws passed by the 1961 Legislature. A summary of the new laws and Vandiver's speech retreating from massive resistance are summarized in the other enclosure.

It is safe to say that the formal power structure of Georgia is now pretty firmly committed to compliance with, rather than defiance of, court rulings. Of course, every effort is being made to hold desegregation to a minimum and few people of any importance profess to be happy about the changes. And there is a vocal die-hard element, represented at the state level by Roy Harris and at the local level by a restaurant owner and former candidate for mayor named Lester Maddox. But these extremists are no longer calling the shots in Georgia and are complaining in the tones of an aggrieved minority.

The die-hards suffered their biggest blow with the admission of two Negro students to the University of Georgia earlier this year. Closing the university was politically unthinkable (as contrasted with Atlanta's schools, some of which might have been closed with impunity by the Governor). To allow the university situation to be dominated by howling mobs was also unthinkable -- particularly for a governor who had (still has) his eye on a national appointment in the new Administration. So the dam broke.

So far only the university and Atlanta are affected, and there's no cause for unlimited optimism about the rest of the State, particularly the more rural areas, and most particularly South Georgia. But Georgia has retreated from monolithic resistance, as Virginia did earlier; if Atlanta's high schools are successfully desegregated in September, resistance here will never be quite the same again. The prospects for the Atlanta change are good, measured in terms of preparation by the police, the business community, and the school authorities.

Suitable notes to be sounded on Law Day:

(1) The Supreme Court's '54 decision gave the Federal district judges in the South a huge and difficult assignment. With few exceptions, they have carried it out ably and honorably (also almost alone). The legal profession has a special responsibility to support and defend the courts, and to uphold the integrity of the law of the land. This duty is imperative precisely when the courts and the laws are caught in emotional cross-fires, as in the school integration controversy. Lawyers also have an individual contribution to make -- through their willingness to provide legal defense for unpopular causes and controversial persons. (Racial controversies in the South produce many such unpopular defendants, and getting legal counsel is often a major problem.)

(2) Everyone recognizes that desegregation of the public schools throughout the South is a complex and difficult task to accomplish. That is why the Supreme Court ordered it done "with deliberate speed." Assuring every qualified citizen the right to vote presents no such complications. This is a simple and elementary right, easily granted, and there is no justification for delay or evasion. This occasion would be a suitable one for the Attorney General to commit himself and the Justice Department to a total and unremitting effort to guarantee the ballot to every American who is legally entitled to vote. There are now two legal tools -- the Civil Rights Acts of 1957 and 1960. A pledge to use these tools to the full would be timely, and perhaps a carefully worded promise that if the tools prove inadequate, new ones will be sought. This could be followed up quickly by a statement of confidence that respect for the law and the "American spirit of fair play" will make it unnecessary to resort to widespread coercion.

(3) Some praise for Georgia's new turn toward compliance would be in order. This might be tied in with our heavy responsibilities abroad, to demonstrate the vitality of our free system of government under law. By meeting its ancient problems responsibly and justly, Georgia strengthens the hand of the United States in its partnership with the newly emerging nations of Africa and Asia.

John, this is both hasty and corny. But the enclosures and the report I mailed you yesterday should be of some help. If further talk by telephone will be of any use, call me.

Best regards,

As ever,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2.
Sibley Report
L-Report #24-A "New School Laws in Georgia"

April 5, 1961

Mr. David L. Hanson
181 Tenth Street, N. E.
Atlanta 9, Georgia

Dear Mr. Hanson:

Thank you for letting us see your articles. I think they are very good but they are a little different from the usual things we carry in NEW SOUTH. I would suggest you try THE NEW REPUBLIC and/or THE NATION.

I hope you will let us see other articles of yours from time to time. However, NEW SOUTH traditionally has not paid for articles it has carried. The Council is a non-profit organization, and as such, NEW SOUTH operates on a limited budget.

If I can be of any assistance to you with additional suggestions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encls.

April 5, 1961

Mr. Harry S. Jones
Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

In regard to your inquiry concerning "This I Believe," we can provide them at two cents each.

You should know, however, that the article is being reprinted in the April issue of NEW SOUTH and will automatically go to NEW SOUTH subscribers.

If you want additional copies, please let me know.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

April 5, 1961

Mrs. W. Murdock MacLeod
General Director
United Church Women
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27,New York

Dear Mrs. MacLeod:

The dates for the annual South wide Workshop of The Fellowship of the Concerned are November 1 - 2.

After our experience last year, we know it is more than worth while to have both the State Presidents and Chairmen of Christian Social Relations to be in the group. So, we will issue invitations accordingly.

I do want you to be with us, so please mark this date on your calendar. You see I'm hoping the date is not already filled. Of course, Miss French will be with us.

We must "open the doors of the church" - and we will bend our program to this intent.

Mr. Tilly has lingered between life and death for thirty or more days. The cloud lifted Saturday and now after all of these weeks in the hospital we can take him home in the next few days. He is gaining fast. You can imagine that Easter Day was a glorious time with me - the first day we had any hope he would life.

With love, thanks, and the best of wishes to you always, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Tilly
Director of Women's Work

DT:lec

April 5, 1961

Mr. Thomas W. Young
Journal and Guide
719 E. Olney Road
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Tom:

Harold spoke about your call last night. It looks as though I can come to Norfolk May 12 and speak at your dinner. Do I understand that this celebrates the merger of the Norfolk Council and the Women's Interracial Council? If you have any preference as to what I will talk about, I would be glad to hear what it is. These are pretty busy days for me and I only hope I can find time to give this as much preparation as the occasion requires.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD/mf

April 6, 1961

Mr. John A. Morsell
Assistant to the Executive Secretary
N. A. A. C. P.
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear John:

I'll be happy to see Mr. Charles Humana if I am in Atlanta when he is here. Even if I'm not, he can count on the help of other staff members here.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 6, 1961

Mrs. Frankye I. Brown
Office Secretary
N. A. I. R. O.
Room 209
426 West 58th Street
New York 19, New York

Dear Frankye:

I haven't established a Washington address yet. But since I'll be leaving the SRC in a couple of weeks, you might want to send mailings to my home for the time being. Address: 126 The Prado, N. E., Atlanta 9.

I'll send you a new office address in due course.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 6, 1961

Dr. Raymond M. Wheeler
Charlottee Medical Clinic
1012 Kings Drive
Charlotte 7, North Carolina

Dear Ray:

Thanks so much for your kind letter of April 1.

I hope my new work will afford many occasions for us to be in touch about our common concerns. Certainly, I expect to be in close communication with the Council and its leadership, policy and staff.

My best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 6, 1961

Mr. Charles A. Shaw
P. O. Box 2097
Houston 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

Many thanks for your kind letter of April 4. Your good wishes mean a great deal to me.

The Council has been fortunate to have your leadership and support. I trust that my change of positions won't prevent our keeping in touch.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 6, 1961

Mr. Leonard Haas
Suite 601 Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

Thank you most warmly for your generous letter of March 31.

The association with you has been one of the pleasures of my years with the Council. Since my new work will keep me in close touch with Atlanta and the South, I hope our paths may cross often.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 6, 1961

Mrs. Willie Williams
828 West 39th Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Williams:

An answer to your letter of March 18, has been delayed because of the serious illness of Mr. Tilly. He is better now and I can take up corresponding again.

I do not have all of the dates of conferences that I am suppose to attend at hand at this time so I cannot give you a definite answer. I would like to teach this course for you and if you can wait two or three more weeks for a reply I could give you something definite. I do not want to hold up your program, so if you can find someone definitely immediately, please do not hesitate to do so.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

April 6, 1961

Mr. Ralph Helstein
President
United Packinghouse Workers of America
1800 Transportation Building
608 S. Dearborn Street
Chicago 5, Illinois

Dear Mr. Helstein:

Thank you for your welcome letter of March 27.

We have been very pleased by the response to our report, "The Federal Executive and Civil Rights." Enclosed is a summary of the treatment given it by the press.

Perhaps most encouraging have been the requests for additional copies received, by letter and telephone, from the various Federal agencies and Presidential advisers. We can at least be sure that the report has had the careful attention of the Administration. We have been able to follow this up with several off-the-record conference with top officials.

Of course, executive action on civil rights has barely begun -- although the executive order on employment seemed to us a good beginning. It is clear that there must be steady pressure from concerned groups. I am sure the U.P.W.A. will be among them.

As you will see from the enclosures, I will soon be taking up a new assignment in Washington, where these matters will be my principal concern.

I hope I will have the opportunity to cooperate with you and your associates in that effort.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2.

April 6, 1961

Dean J. M. Bevan
Florida Presbyterian College
St. Petersburg, Florida

Dear Dean Bevan:

Thank you for your letter of April 4. The survey you are undertaking is most interesting and should turn up some pertinent information. I would indeed be interested in seeing the results.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

April 6, 1961

Mr. George McMillan
Box 299
Aiken, South Carolina

Dear George:

It was really wonderful seeing all of you over the weekend. We had a delightful time. I don't believe in superlatives, but Jenny, as always, deserves them as a hostess. You're not a bad host, as a matter of fact.

Yes, you have "my permission" to engage the typist you mentioned and to send the bill here.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

March 6, 1961

Mr. Douglas Hyman
523 East 14th Street
New York 9, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Hyman:

We are forwarding several publications to you (under separate cover) which relate to desegregation of public and private facilities in the South. We are not able to provide copies of the many laws pertaining to the areas you mention; however, a very good source for the complete texts of these laws (or, rather, those laws passed during the last six years) should be available to you in the public library: Race Relations Law Reporter, published quarterly by Vanderbilt University School of Law. "Race Relations and American Law," by Jack Greenberg (Columbia University Press, 1959) is another excellent source; it provides background and an overview of the entire area, and its appendices capsulize major legislation. A third source is "States' Laws on Race and Color," by Pauli Murray (published by the Women's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Church, Cincinnati, in 1950) and its supplement (published: 1955).

We hope our materials will be of some help to you in your research.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM:a
Separate cover:
  Sit-in Report
  L-23
  Background Report on School Deseg.
  Negro and the Ballot

April 6, 1961

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Rufus:

I am deeply grateful for the generous sentiments expressed in your letter of March 21. It was a matter of regret for me that the Executive Committee had to meet while you were away. I am sure you feel, however, that the decisions made were wise and proper.

In my new work I shall expect to be calling on you for advice and assistance. And you may be sure of my readiness to be of any service Io can to you and our common concerns in the South.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 6, 1961

Mr. Emory Via
School for Workers
The University of Wisconsin
University Extension Division
Madison 6, Wisconsin

Dear Emory:

Of course you may reproduce any of The Federal Exeuctive and Civil Rights you want to, and blessings on you. We are sending you under separate cover two copies of the report. I would send you the 12 to 25 you asked for if it were not for the fact that for this particular job we have been rather strict about charging, and consistency is standing in the way of personal inclination. The price is .50 single, .35 in quantity and you may have any quantity at the latter price.

We have little to send you about employment break-throughs, largely because there haven't been many, but what we have is enclosed. For information on police, write Elliott Rudwick, Southern Illinois University, East St. Louis Residence Center, East St. Louis, Illinois; he has a lot of stuff, which he is holding close until he can get it published.

And now thank you for your letter of April 3. Because I agree so fully with you regarding Harold's leadership, I am all the more diffident about taking the job. I believe, too, and have for some time, that events are finally catching up with the Council and that its period of greatest usefulness is just opening. We shall need all the advice and help we can get in the next few years from people such as yourself, and we shall be asking for it.

Best wishes to you, Margaret, and David.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosures:
thermafax copies, news clips

April 6, 1961

Supt. of Transportation
Jacksonville Transit Lines
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Sir:

The progressive step of hiring Negro drivers for passenger runs is currently being considered by transit systems in a number of Southern cities. For publication in our monthly New South, we would be grateful for information about your utilization of Negro drivers. (We are also writing the several other companies who, along with the Jacksonville Transit Lines, took the lead in this area during the past year.) Most particularly, we would like to know:

(1) How many Negro drivers are presently employed by your company?

(2) Are they assigned to predominantly Negro runs? Are they restricted from any runs?

(3) What is your evaluation of the success of the program?

Any additional observations would, of course, be of interest.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Rearch Assistant

MM/jf

April 6, 1961

Dr. Clifton O. Dummett
Chief, Dental Service
Veterans Administration Hospital
Tuskegee, Alabama

Dear Dr. Dummett:

This is in pursuance of my letter to you of March 20, an additional copy of which I enclose.

I realize that the preparations for the Clinic must have kept you unusually busy and that the change in program which I suggested could not have seemed very helpful. I do, however, beg your understanding of the problem which unforeseen developments have created for me, and I very much hope that the substitution of Dr. Leslie Dunbar, the new executive director of the Council, will have your approval.

Since I last wrote you, the demands of my new work have made it clearer than ever that it will be all but impossible for me to carry out the commitment on April 24. I have spoken with Dr. Dunbar about this matter and he has agreed to be available if you approve of the substitution.

The program is superb. I was especially pleased that Mrs. Roosevelt will be an honored guest. You may be sure that Dr. Dunbar's presentation will meet the high standards you have set for this important occasion.

I hope I may have a word from you at your earliest convenience.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

April 6, 1961

Miss Ruth Arnold
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Ruth:

We can wait.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

April 6, 1961

Mr. Harry Jones
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

I am planning to attend your board meeting in Greensboro April 22 as we decided some time ago. Let me know if you think it would be wise for me to come to Charlotte Friday for some talk together. It also develops that I will be in Greensboro Saturday, April 15 to address a YWCA college workshop at the invitation and expense of the regional Y office here.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

April 6, 1961

Mr. J. L. Henderson
Gulf Surplus
1701 - 24th Avenue
P. O. Box 26
Gulfport, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Henderson:

Thank you for your very kind remarks and your contribution of five dollars to the work of the Council. We are grateful to have your cooperate in our work again.

Although the Council no longer has a general membership, we do continue to maintain a subscription list to our monthly magazine, NEW SOUTH. In addition, we are placing your name on our all-purpose mailing list which will enable yoy to receive most other publications and reports of the Council.

Dr. Mitchell retired from the directorship of the Council in 1957 and he and Mrs. Mitchell moved to Schtland to live. I am also sorry to have to report that Dr. Mitchell is in ill health. The Mitchell's address is Glencoe, Argyll, Schtland. We here at the Council have missed both Dr. and Mrs. Mitchell.

Yes, we have been condemned in recent years as being too radical; but I also believe that in recent years the prestige of the Council has grown tremendously and that the organization has the respect of many influential persons now, both white and Negro.

Again, let me thank you for renewing your interest in the Council and I hope we will continue to merit your support.

With very best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable

Director of Information

April 6, 1961

Mr. Giorgio Pacifici
Via Crivelli 9
Milano, Italy

Dear Mr. Pacifici:

We are pleased to know that a student of the State University of Milan is interested in our problems. I am enclosing several items which will give you an idea of what the Southern Regional Council is and does. We have an interracial staff and board.

Under separate cover I am mailing you several of our publications so that you may see the type of things we publish.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Enclosed:
  SRC leaflet
  Congressional Record reprint
  News release, December 1959
Mailed separately:
  New South, Feb. 1961
  Collins, *The South and the Nation*
  McMillan, *Racial Violence & Law Enforcement*
  Price, *The Negro & the Ballot in the South*
  The Changing South
  The Federal Executive &Civil Rights
  The Changing South
  Publications list

April 6, 1961

Professor Virgil C. Stroud
Professor of Government
A. & T. College
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Profesoor Stroud:

This is in reply to your request of April 3, 1961. You have my permission to use the quotations cited from my article, "A Southern View of the South," in the New York Times Magazine of April 3, 1960.

I assume that you have obtained the permission of the Magazine; in any case, that should present no difficulty.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 6, 1961

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays
President
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mays:

Your kind letter of April 5 is deeply appreciated. I look forward to continuing in close association with you and the other valued leaders of the Council with whom it has been my priviledge to work. I hope that you will have reason to feel that the new Institute in Washington is a useful addition to our concerted efforts for equal rights.

Let me take this occasion also to express my pleasure of your appointment to the Advisory Committee of the Peace Corps. Your contribution there will be invaluable, as it would be in any important undertaking of our government.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 6, 1961

Mr. David F. Freeman
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

Dear Dave:

Your letter of April 3, just received, makes me all the more grateful for your thoughtful call the other day. If the Rockefeller grant comes through -- as I deeply hope it will -- the Council will have yet another reason to praise the name of Freeman.

Your guess about the presidency is correct, of course, more later.

As ever,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 6, 1961

Mr. Frank A. Weil
Treasurer
The Aaron E. Norman Fund, Inc.
42 Wall Street
New York 5, New York

Dear Mr. Weil:

Thank you for your kind letter of April 4. We appreciate the willingness of the Board of Directors of the Fund to reconsider the possibility of an increased grant to the Council near the end of the year. Further word of the Council's financial situation and program efforts will be sent to you at that time.

I am grateful, too, for your expression of good wishes as I take up my new position. There is no question that the Southern Regional Council will continue to be an important force in this field, and I only hope that I can make the Potomac Institute a useful support for the efforts that the Council and others have been making effectively over the years.

With appreciation and kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 6, 1961

Father Albert Foley
Spring Hill College
Mobile, Alabama

Dear Father Foley:

I was interested to receive the news that you interviewed three possible directors March 25 and that you found all three to be adequately qualified for the work. I am not myself acquainted with the Rev. Bob Goodson and had only a brief interview with Jimerson. Be sure and keep us informed on developments. We are naturally very concerned that the Alabama Council find an able director,and I would like to be involved in further interviewing or selection where feasible.

I see you finally got your golf courses open. How are you coming on the lunch counters?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

April 6, 1961

Mr. R. J. Cartwright
Supt. of Transportation
Mobile City Lines

Dear Sir: (con. [illegible])

The progressive step of hiring Negro drivers for passenger runs is currently being considered by transit systems in a number of Southern cities. For publication in our monthly *New South*, we would be grateful~~l~~ for information about your utilization of Negro drivers. (We are also writing the several other companies who, along with the Mobile City Lines, took the lead in this area during the past year.)

Most particularly, we would like to know:

(1) How many Negro drivers are presently employed by your company?

(2) Are they assigned to predominantly Negro runs? Are they restricted from any runs?

(3) What is your evaluation of the success of the program?

Any additional observations would, of course, be of interest.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/jf

April 6, 1961

Supt. of Transportation
Tampa Transit Lines
Tampa, Florida

Dear Sir:

The progressive step of hiring Negro drivers for passenger runs is currently being considered by transit systems in a number of Southern cities. For publication in our monthly New South, we would be grateful for information about your utilization of Negro drivers. (We are also writing the several other companies, who along with the Tampa Transit Co., took the lead in this area during the past year.)

Most particularly, we wouldllike to know:

(1) How many Negro drivers are presently employed by your company?

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(3) What is your evaluation of the success of the program?

Any additional observations would, of course, be of interest.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/jf

April 6, 1961

Supt. of Transportation
Nashville Transit Authority
Nashville, Tenn.

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Dear Sir:

The progressive step of hiring Negro drivers for passenger runs is currently being considered by transit systems in a number of Southern cities. For publication in our monthly *New South*, we would be gratefull for information about your utilization of Negro drivers. (We are also writing the several companies who,along with the Nashville Transit Authority, took the lead in this area during the past year.)

Most particularly, we would like to know:

(1) How many Negro drivers are presently employed by your company?

(2) Are they assigned to predominantly Negro runs? Are they restricted from any runs?

(3) What is your evaluation of the success of the program?

Any additional observations would, of course, be of interest.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/jf

April 6, 1961

Donald E. Eyer, President
Kansas City Public Service Co.
Kansas City Missouri

Dear Sir:

The progressive step of hiring Negro drivers for passenger runs is currently being considered by transit systems in a number of Southern cities. For publication in our monthly *New South*, we would be grateful for information about your utilization of Negro drivers. (We are also writing the several other companies who, along with the Kansas City Public Service Co. took the lead in this area during the past year.) Most particularly, we would like to know:

(1) How many Negro drivers are presently employed by your company?

(2) Are they assigned to predominantly Negro runs? Are they restricted from any runs?

(3) What is your evaluation of the success of the program?

Any additional observations would, of course, be of interest.

Sincerely,

Margo Henderson
Research Assistant

MH/[illegible]

April 6, 1961

Mr. Don Slaiman
Assistant Director, Dept. of Civil Rights
AFL-CIO
815-16th Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Don:

I believe you are aware of the quarterly meetings of the Southern inter-agency group that have been going on for some time. The only labor representation that has been involved is from the Fair Practices and Anti-Discrimination Department of the United Auto Workers. It occurred to me you might like to sit in on one of these meetings or indicate whether you feel that your office should be regularly represented in some way. We would be glad to have you at the May meeting. If you can make it, let me know and I will make reservations for you.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm
Enc.

April 6, 1961

Mr. Stephen Benedict
330 East 71st Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Mr. Benedict:

Your comments about my essay are most gratifying; I wish they were better deserved. Contingent upon Mrs. Borgese's consent, you of course have my permission--and Godspeed--to show it to any other magazine you think it might be suitable for.

I have heard from Mrs. Borgese, and she kindly indicated satisfaction with the article.

Thank you also, and most sincerely, for your congratulations regarding my new job. I suppose that one of the requirements of it will be that I rather more frequently visit New York, and perhaps on some occasion I may be able to find you in.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

April 6, 1961

Professor G. W. Foster, Jr.
108 Presidio Avenue
San Francisco 15, Calif.

Dear Bill:

You are a wonderful person to say such nice things. Of course you have my permission and blessings to find a publisher for "civil disobedience." I am too lazy to do it myself.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

April 7, 1961

Beacon Press
25 Beacon Street
Boston 8, Mass.

Dear Sirs:

Will you please send us one copy of Dr. Eric Lincoln's, The Black Muslims in America, and bill us?

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

April 7, 1961

Mr. Harry Jones
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

Thank you for your quarterly report. You have made a fine fight over the Carver College issue in Charlotte. Even if you seem to be losing, you have left no stone unturned and undoubtedly have had a useful educational effect on the community. The presentation of a resolution by 16 Negro organizations was impressive and I remember your suggesting this strategy some time ago. We had not heard here of the projected lawsuit by Negro doctors. I hope it comes off.

Let us know what response occurred to your letters relating to Race Relations Sunday. There has been some pressure on us to mail out material and otherwise encourage observance of the occasion. We might be somewhat guided by your experience.

The news from Wake Forest, Davidson, and Duke is heartening and might have some influence on other laggard institutions such as Emory.

Give me some idea as it goes along as to your "hour of opportunity" TV programs. How well has it done and what public reaction is it receiving? This might be the kind of approach that would be adaptable in other communities.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

April 7, 1961

Miss Katherine Jones
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

Thank you for your recent quarterly report with its indication of expanded activity on the part of the Tennessee Council around the state, and those amazingly constructive developments in Jackson.

I would be happy to come to Tennessee in late April or May at a time convenient to both of us, perhaps in conjunction with a state board meeting. Perhaps we need to think together again concerning the finance and membership problem. If there is anything we can do by way of assistance or helping you prod others, I hope you will let me know. I must say that your bank balances seem fairly healthy by the standards to which the state councils are generally accustomed. Your item for contributions does seem rather light for the winter quarter.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

April 7, 1961

The Rev. Daniel Bowers
Virginia Council on Human Relations
3-B Broad-Grace Arcade Building
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Dan:

Your quarterly report was helpful as always. The local news from Norfolk, Richmond, and Alexandria was particularly welcome. I am beginning to be a little skeptical of continued expectations of Williamsburg officially joining.

We have decided to include a feature article on an active and effective local council group in a future issue of New South. I had thought that the Fairfax County Council might be the proper focus for such a study. Would you agree? Who would be the best person in Fairfax to handle the writing assignment?

We also want to carry something on Prince Edward County in the New South in the near future, perhaps following the May decision. We would want an article focusing on what has happened to the Negro community and to the children, more of a social study than a summary of the legal factors. We would like you to handle such an article. I believe that John Constable will write you unless he already has. Your reports of continued deterioration in Prince Edward County supplemented by a more recent one from Dorothy Michael, are most discouraging, but seem beyond your or our capacity to salvage or drastically influence.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

April 7, 1961

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I want to thank you and Libby for an unusually helpful and comprehensive report on recent developments in South Carolina and on the work of the Council. It gave us here an improved understanding of some of the recent headlines in our papers.

On balance, I found the picture an encouraging one. It was good to hear of softening by store managers in Rock Hill and Greenville, of the moderate stand of the Rock Hill paper, of the success of the Turks in Sumter County, the decline of prestige and caliber of Citizens Council leadership, the desegregation of several libraries, and increasing support or at least acceptance of change by white people generally.

Even the adverse developments seem to be to be signs of constructive ferment. I agree with Libby that the increase in surveillance and harassment of liberal white spokesmen reflects increased awareness of the inevitability of change and the tactics of desperation.

Your January workshop on church matters sounds fine. I see you got Howard McClain involved on a consultative basis.

As the pressures grow more severe (if possible) we are increasingly anxious to be of any service that we can. Let me know if outside speakers, perhaps even name speakers, would help strengthen morale or self-image of the inter-collegiate group. Should I or anyone, perhaps someone from the University of Georgia, plan to visit Clemson unofficially for some quiet contacts with friends? You are probably already carrying this forward. Le t me know.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

April 7, 1961

The Rev. Dan Bowers
Virginia Council on Human Relations
3-B Broad-Grace Arcade Building
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Dan:

We are crushed and devastated by the news that you plan to desert the vineyards which you have cultivated with such skill and effectiveness. It seems a shame for the Virginia Council to lose its *good* men with such frequency. Why didn't you tell me about it when I saw you in Washington? and what is this new kind of work you are going to which you refer to so vaguely?

At any rate, I will plan to be on hand at your board meeting April 17 as requested. Let me know if I should come a day early or stay a day later for any particular purpose. What preparations are you making for a successor to the throne? I understand that Jimerson has been or will be offered the Alabama post. You might want to move fairly quickly if he may be needed in Virginia. Are you notifying Tom Henderson in advance of the board meeting? It seems to me this might be advisable if he will be presiding.

You should, I think, feel a considerable sense of satisfaction in your achievements with the Council during the past two years and with the leadership which you have been able to provide the cause in Virginia. I hope your new work will continue to provide an opportunity for you to be of service in the field of human relations and to the South.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

April 7, 1961

Mr. J. Harvey Kerns
Executive Director
Urban League of Greater New Orleans
504 Carondelet Street
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Kerns:

We have made definite arrangements with Mr. Marsalis to have the conference at the Marsalis Motel. We very much appreciate your assistance in making these arrangements possible.

I am enclosing a copy of the announcement of the conference which we are sending to participating agencies. Normally, our invitations go to regional offices of human relations agencies in the South, but local human relations personnel are usually invited to sit in on the sessions. I hope we can look forward to having you with us.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm
Enclosure

cc: Irv. Schulman

April 7, 1961

Mrs. Claire Andreae
717½ Battery Place
Chattanooga 3, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Andreae:

I hope you will pardon my long delay in answering your letter of March 3. I have been on the road quite a bit during March and had some difficulty in locating the notes of my Chattanooga talk.

I think the major points could be briefly noted as follows:

Planning and preparation for school desegregation is of considerable value in attaining a smooth change. Although such preparation is no guarantee, it has tended to minimize the dangers coming from the disruptive elements in the community. One of the tragedies in recent years is the virtual absence of such preparation in communities moving into school desegregation. The attitude generally seems to be that to prepare for desegregation is to countenance or support it. To avoid seeming to endorse desegregation, school boards in the South in recent years have refused to plan. The New Orleans experience of last fall is an excellent example of a community which took few if any steps to prepare. Nashville was, in fact, the last large community which made any significant preparatory effort.

Whenever possible, the effort to plan for school desegregation should be coordinated by the school board and school superintendent. Such effort can have much better impact with official sponsorship. This was the system used in Louisville, Baltimore, and St. Louis. Even where the superintendents or school boards are willing to take the lead in community preparation, there is strong need for private groups to be involved so that all portions of the community may be reached.

The three most essential ingredients for a calm transition to some school desegregation are probably: 1) community leadership which is publicly united and on record in support of law and order; 2) prepared law enforcement machinery which would deal firmly with disorders and so states before the fact; 3) cooperative mass media which interpret the situation to the public and does not create hysteria by sensational reporting of developments surrounding desegregation. Where these factors have been present, there have rarely been major difficulties. The events of a Little Rock or of a New Orleans tend to occur when leadership is silent, divided, or vacillating.

There are two obvious aspects to the process of advance preparation for change. One is the preparation of the community, the other the preparation of the schools themselves.

I. Preparation of the community.

A. Public support by leadership elements. This usually takes the form of public statements by both public officials and key business figures and by leading groups such as the Chamber of Commerce, labor unions, etc. urging support of the school board and calling for calm and order. In Nashville, this need was met by the organization of the Committee of 1,000. A similar committee emerged in Norfolk.

B. Support of religious leadership. In Louisville, St. Louis, and Nashville, the religious leaders played a significant role in efforts to interpret the coming change and to answer many of the fears in the community. In Louisville the superintendent personally wrote every minister, priest, and rabbi. Some times a special Sunday is set aside for emphasis on the issue. In other communities the ministerial associations have made public statements or coordinated a program aimed at reaching and preparing their parishioners.

C. The cooperation of the PTA's. The PTA groups have a natural concern with the process of change because of their involvement of school support. They usually will cooperate if officially requested to do so by the superintendent's office. They have usually not cooperated in the absence of such an official request. In Nashville, Louisville, and in Montgomery County, Maryland, The PTAs were an important aspect of community preparation. In Louisville, each PTA had at least one meeting on the transition. Some PTAs had several. In some communities the superintendent or assistant superintendent has made it a point to meet with each PTA.

D. Speeches and discussions. A fairly common technique is to set up a speaker's bureau, sometimes including official school spokesmen to attempt to carry the facts before civic, service, and professional groups. In some communities, including Miami, Florida, there were neighborhood "coffees" or discussion groups throughout the city to inform the people. In one Kentucky community, a white school principal and a Negro school principal appeared jointly before a number of civic groups to explain the plan and to answer questions.

E. Interpretation through the mass media. Only a relatively small stratum of the community is reached through existing civic and service groups. The most effective way to reach the largest number of citizens is through the newspapers, radio and television. It has been found most helpful for the media to explain the coming change in some detail, to point up the experience of other communities, etc. In Atlanta, the Council on Human Relations carried a series of discussions with superintendents of cities which had desegregated. In each case the superintendent was interviewed by a panel of outstanding Atlanta citizens. In New Orleans, the television station carried a series of film reports on such communities as Charlotte, Little Rock, etc. In some communities, school authorities have been able to establish agreements with the media concerning the coverage of opening day developments.

F. The dissemination of materials. There are a number of excellent materials available dealing with the experience of different communities, with the economic effects and dangers of disorder, with the role of police, etc. It has sometimes been found useful to plan special distributions of these materials to business leaders, public officials, civic leadership, etc.

The primary aim of community preparation is the creation of a general climate of acceptance, calmness, firmness, and dignity. It is sometimes suggested that such public efforts at preparation will simply create fears and stir up extremist elements. The experience of the last seven years does not vindicate this point of view, although some dangers in this direction may well exist. This was was the argument used in New Orleans last fall. It is our belief that such efforts strengthen the forces for law and order and decrease the potential response to disruptive elements.

II. The preparation of the schools.

A. The schools are best prepared where there is some background of cooperation between white and Negro school personnel. This often means combined staff meetings, principals conferences, etc. I believe this background has existed for several years in Chattanooga.

B. Superintendents have sometimes held planning conferences with small groups of principals and teachers concerning problems that may arise and how they should be dealt with. These planning sessions deal with such matters as the assignment of teachers to desegregated classrooms, the handling of publicity on opening day, etc.

C. The use of special supervisors. In Montgomery County, Maryland and in St. Louisville, special school personnel were given primary responsibility for supervising the desegregation process within the school. In Montgomery County, an assistant superintendent was appointed for this purpose. In St. Louis, it was a supervisor.

D. Teachers workshops. In Oak Ridge, Washington, and Baltimore, workshops were held locally to prepare teachers for possible problems. In other communities, teachers have been sent away to human relations training sessions at NYU, Boston University, or elsewhere.

E. Small groups of visiting teachers and principals have observed the actual experiences of desegregating communities by visiting these schools.

F. Sometimes the students are prepared through assembly talks or smaller meetings with student leadership. In Atlanta, the superintendent has announced plans to visit every high school this spring in preparation for desegregation from the top down next September.

The role of the non-public human relations council is generally to support the efforts of school or civic leadership, to prod for such efforts where necessary, to supplement these efforts with the kind of interracial consultation that is often difficult to attain in Southern communities. Such private groups were officially noted as sources of strength in Louisville and Baltimore. One thing such interracial groups can achieve which is rarely done by other community organizations is to plan for some meetings of white and Negro parents whose children may well be attending the same school. Depending on the age groups involved, the children can also be brought together in advance of desegregation. This somewhat minimizes the strange feeling and provides the entering Negro child with some acquaintances already at home in the new school.

I am sure there was some sort of conclusion on this talk, but my notes don't seem to indicate it. I am also sending along a copy of some preparation plans which were drawn up by some local groups in Atlanta for the consideration of other groups and the school superintendent. Even though the document contains nothing really new, it should be treated as confidential.

I hope you will let me know how your plans are coming. I note that the school Board did bring in an alternate plan as ordered by the district court, calling for possible grade-a-year desegregation in Chattanooga next fall. I guess this depends on whether or not the circuit court of appeals holds a special session this summer.

Let me know if we can be of further service.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

April 10, 1961

Mr. W. D. Workman
P. O. Box 5497
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Mr. Workman:

We are mailing you today, under separate cover, the requested three copies of our report, The Federal Executive and Civil Rights.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

April 10, 1961

Mr. George McMillan
P. O. Box 299
Aiken, South Carolina

Dear George:

Evaluations of universities don't often get into print, and I think therefore that your best approach is that of consulting a few well informed people. Alex Heard is such a person; equally good would be a couple of your friends at northern universities who could tell you how they regard the University of Georgia, how they react to applications from its graduates to admission for graduate study, what they think of it as a place for referring their graduate students for jobs, etc.

The AAUP has in recent years devised a system of rankings of schools in terms of faculty ~~size~~ salaries. I am no longer a member of the AAUP and do not get its Bulletin; consequently I no longer know how the scales run, but this is well known by campus people who will speak of their school being a "c" school or "b" school in terms of the AAUP scale. You probably could learn about Georgia simply by asking someone at the University when you go up there.

For what they are worth, my own impressions of the University are mostly negative. It does not rank well in common reputation among other southern schools. The one department which I am able to pass judgment on--political science--is and has long been weak; there is not a person in the department who is regarded in the South as a first rate scholar, though Bill Collins is widely acquainted and recognized as a figure. The University plays the usual role of a state university in the South in that it is a training ground for lawyers and future politicians.

Whether it is more flavored by football and fraternities than other state universities I don't know.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

April 10, 1961

The Rev. David N. Beach
Community Church
West Dennis, Mass.

Dear Mr. Beach:

We are mailing you today the requested reports.

Our receipt is enclosed for your generous contribution to the Council's program; we are always grateful for such expressions of confidence.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Mailed separately:
L8, L-16, L-22, L-23
Also: Hill, This I Believe
Tarplee, The Church in Areas of Racial Tension

April 10, 1961

Professor Robert L. Stoyles, Jr.
Institute of Law and Government
School of Law
The University of Georgia
Athens, Georgia

Dear Professor Stoyles:

We have your letter of April 7 and are sending under separate cover ten copies of Racial Violence and Law Enforcement for use during the Institute for City Managers.

Our supply of this report is dwindling, but we would make every effort to supply copies on request to any city manager of Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama, and Mississippi. The price ordinarily is 25¢, with some reduction for quantity orders, but for municipal officers we would try to make them available without charge.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

April 10, 1961

Miss Mary Brucker
The Danforth Foundation
835 South Eighth Street
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Miss Brucker:

We mailed you, on Friday, the requested 20 copies of Dr. Haywood N. Hill's This I Believe, for Dr. Merrimon Cuninggim. We have been charging only what the printing cost, but for only 20 copies we will not bill you. We are pleased that Dr. Cuninggim has read and requested the statement.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

April 10, 1961

The Honorable William Proxmire
United States Senate
Committee on Banking and Currency
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Proxmire:

We are sending enclosed a copy each of The Federal Executive and Civil Rights and Professor Pollitt's resource paper, as requested by your letter of April 6. We are also placing your name on our mailing list to receive future releases.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director Elect

LWD:a
Enclosures:
FE&CR
Pollitt Memo

April 10, 1961

Dr. Albert W. Dent
President
Dillard University
New Orleans, La.

Dear Al:

I was gratified, as I am sure everyone connected with the Council was, to read of your appointment to the National Advisory Council to the Peace Corps. You and Dr. Mays together give us tremendously able representation on that important body.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

April 10, 1961

Dr. Benjamin Mays
President
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear President Mays:

I was very gratified, as I am sure everyone of the Southern Regional Council was also, to read of your appointment to the National Advisory Council for the Peace Corps. I only hope that this most important position will be not the only contribution which you are asked to make to the new administration.

Many thanks for your kind letter of April 5. I am looking forward to my new job with both excitement and a chilling sense of its responsibility.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

April 10, 1961

Professor Robert J. Steamer
Department of Government
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter of April 6. I am very glad to hear that the Southern Political Science Association will have a panel on the new administration and desegregation, and that you will be reading the paper. I am flattered that you suggested me as a panelist, but for several reasons I would just as soon not. If mendelson turns to you for other names, you might consider mentioning Dan Pollitt; Bob Harris, who helped us with The Federal Executive and Civil Rights, and Donald Strong, who has been associated with us more recently, might be other possibilities.

You did, I assume, get a copy of our report, The Federal Executive and Civil Rights?

I'll keep your needs in mind. To the present, I think the most important development has been of course the new employment order (which so gratifyingly followed along the line we have proposed). In the long run, however, perhaps the most important thing to have happened is the action of the Department of Justice in intervening early in the East Baton Rouge, St. Helena, and trade school cases in Louisiana; this could well be the most important development out of Washington since the 1955 decision. The appointments of a number of Negroes, especially Robert Weaver and Ambassador Wharton, and the aggressiveness of the President regarding the Civil War Centennial Commission and of Secretary Udall re the Washington

Redskins are other especially noteworthy happenings. We are hoping that Robert Kennedy will use his Law Day address at the University of Georgia to say some good things.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

April 10, 1961

Mr. John S. Holley
Urban League of Portland
519 S. W. Third Avenue
Portland 4, Oregon

Dear Mr. Holley:

As you requested, we are placing your name on our mailing list for pamphlets and reports other than our monthly magazine NEW SOUTH. NEW SOUTH, a descriptive brochure of which is enclosed, is two dollars per year. Our latest issue also is enclosed.

If we can be of additional aid, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encls.

April 10, 1961

Mr. Harry Jones
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

J. J. Brewbaker is planning a trip to Tennessee in May to consult with various school superintendents. Are there places in North Carolina where you think his visit might be particulerly helpful at this time?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

April 10, 1961

Mr. John Wheeler
President
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear John:

We were very glad to see an announcement of your appointment to the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunities. The membership of the committee puzzles me a bit and I want to see it in action; your inclusion on it assures that the rest of the membership will not be uninformed about realities and necessities. With you on this committee and Presidents Dent and Mays on the National Advisory Council for the Peace Corps, SRC is doing well.

Are you planning to arrive in Atlanta on the evening of the 18th for the executive committee meeting the next day? Mr. Dabbs and I have recently had some correspondence regarding the possibility of a SRC contribution to the Civil War Centennial. I think the commemoration of the Civil War, so far, has justified the worst fears of those of us who were dubious about the Centennial. We have it with us, nevertheless, and it seems to me that SRC as a body of southern liberals should not let our point of view go unnoticed by default. My first letter to Mr. Dabbs was hand-written, so I cannot send you a copy, but I believe that from the enclosures you can get a full idea of the discussion so far. The possible topics which Mr. Dabbs indicated in his letter of February 24 are interesting; my own present idea would be something like "what are the prospects for finally ending the civil war?" As you can see, Mr. Dabbs, Bell Wiley and I are planning to have dinner together on April 18th; the time is 6:30 p. m. Could you possibly join us? If we do this at all, I would like it conceived and carried out with courage, and for that reason among others I would especially hope you could meet with us.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

LWD:a

Leslie W. Dunbar

April 10, 1961

Mr. Nat Griswold
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat;

Ruth sent along the copy of the latest smear sheet being circulated in Little Rock about you and us. We are quite annoyed about this sort of thing and wish you would put a stop to it. This sort of smear has died down most everywhere else in the South and I consider this quite anachronistic and unnecessary cropping up in Little Rock now.

I don't know how widely this is being circulated, but if you feel it is having a real impact, it seems to me you might want to consider a strong public response either by way of the media or,more likely, through another mailing of your own. It is always hard to know how to react to such smears because of the danger that an answer would simply draw additional attention to the charges themselves. I would presume these are all pretty well warmed over anyway. There is the possibility that the charge of secrecy surrounding the Arkansas Council might provide an excuse for a positive restatement of the aims and program of the Council.

I am sending along some credentials on a possibility for your associate director's post. I have had three references on Mr. Brooks. I am enclosing a copy of one. The other two were by telephone and from local persons whom we know. One of these coming from the regional director of the Urban League was quite strongly enthusiastic. The other coming from the former director of the Atlanta Urban League was positive but more reservied.

I talked with Mr. Brooks briefly and was rather well impressed with his sincerity, intelligibility, and personality. One possible problem is that at his age and with family responsibilities, he did not feel that he could consider employment for less than $6,000. He is, however, interested in finding permanent employment in this field.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling

PMR/sm
Enc.

April

Minutes
Executive Board Meeting
Greater Atlanta Council on Human Relations

The regular monthly meeting of the Executive Board of the Greater Atlanta Council on Human Relations was called to order at 1:00 P.M. on April 11, 1961 with the chairman, Eliza Paschall, presiding. Those present were Harry Boyte (Executive Director), guest speaker the Rev. Wyatt Tee Walker of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Martin Handrick, Nan Pendergrast, Rabbi Jacob Rothschild, Mrs. Frank Sewell, Hubert Jackson, Phyrn Stanley, Montez Albright, Frances Pauley (Executive Director, Georgia Council), the Rev. John Yungblut, the Rev. John Morris, Sujette Crank, Kay Hoffman (co-chairman School Committee), Jesse Hill, the Rev. Ed Cahill, and Carl Holman.

The Rev. Mr. Walker distributed SCLC brochures to everyone and described briefly the purpose and program. SCLC will continue its leadership training program at Highlander, involving some 400 people who will be briefed and instructed on setting up leadership training centers in their own communities for voting registration, etc.

Several board members had gone earlier to hear Dr. Kenneth Benne speak on "The Role of Minorities" at Morris Brown College and reported a good crowd and a fine speech.

A correction to the minutes of the March meeting was noted: "J. B. Harris" should have been "Mrs. J. B. Harris." The minutes were then accepted as corrected.

Nan Pendergrast gave the treasurer's report; in brief, the balance March 1 was $449.83. Adding receipts and deducting disbursements, the balance April 1 was $486.94.

Harry Boyte reported 257 paid members (including 47 new members during March) due to the recruitment efforts of Mrs. Pauley and Mrs. Paschall and the membership mailings of Miss Chappell. Board members were again requested to send in names of friends to the Membership Committee. Mr. Boyte also told of the letters which were mailed out regarding policies and practices of racial or religious prejudice to organizations and business firms (e.g., Lockheed, hospitals, government agencies). A letter was sent to the Atlanta Journal protesting their use of such phrases as "members of the Georgia State Chamber of Commerce honored Georgia top high school students" and stating that this is an insult to the 35% of Georgia people who are excluded. It was requested that future stories should clearly indicate "all Georgia's white high school students." Mr. Boyte has had some discussion and correspondence with the Atlanta Convention Bureau regarding the economic cost to Atlanta of the practice of segregation in hotels and restaurants. He reported on the Dean Rusk speech to the Georgia Bar Association, and said that the Biltmore Hotel has agreed to serve Negro lawyers at the dinner and invitations to the Gate City Bar Association have been mailed out by Don Hollowell's office. The Negro lawyers who are planning to attend will be escorted by white lawyers, to avoid any semi-segregation in the seating arrangements.

On April 21-22 the Harvard Alumni Association (not segregated) will meet at the Biltmore also. All Atlanta hotels have entered into an agreement which has been sent around: no Negro can have anything to drink but water; no Negro can go above the second floor. Mr. Boyte added that we must continue to be vigilant so that no member of the Kennedy administration comes into this area to speak to a segregated meeting.

Reporting on a meeting with Dr. Letson regarding the improvement of Negro education, particularly in typing and business education, Mr. Boyte said that Dr. Letson assured the group he would take steps to correct any sub-standard equipment or instruction.

Mrs. Pendergrast reported on a call she had made at General Motors requesting funds for the Georgia Council on Human Relations. She was told that a letter outlining the request and the reasons for it should come from Richard Hocking, the Chairman. She thought they probably would not grant the request but that it should be made, nevertheless. She was told that they are working through the Chamber of Commerce--that 17 of 20 members of the State CC have recently been replaced and we could expect a different sort of reaction from the Chamber of Commerce as it is now constituted.

Emory Dental School: a report was given on the meeting held at the invitation of Dr. Martin with prominent Jewish citizens to discuss the statistical report dealing with discrimination in the dental school. It was noted that application blanks for the dental school were printed with a space to indicate "Race (Caucasian, Jew, Other)" and this is to be withdrawn. It was felt that this clearly demonstrated a conviction or a policy, from either stupidity or malice. The Jewish representatives present felt that their responsibility was simply to make known to Emory University the facts as they had presented them; any decisions as to what should be done should be solely the responsibility of Emory University. It was noted that a large percentage of operating funds and research grants to any medical school come from Federal funds. Yet Negroes who wish to study medicine or dentistry must go out of the state

Mrs. Hoffman reported on the meeting held at Morris Brown College on March 19: there were 11 discussion groups, including one for high school students. She thought that the recorders' reports might be used to prepare program material for various intergroup efforts.

Jesse Hill, who had attended a meeting of the Atlanta Board of Education, reported that there had been an extensive agenda but no specific information on the Pupil Placement Plan and no forms for transfer applications. The next scheduled meeting was to be May 8, only seven days from the closing date when a parent or student must apply for transfer. Mr. Hill was greatly concerned that after a year's delay the Board had not yet made preparations for desegregation. He wondered if there should not be another review by the Court. Dr. Holman thought that any new legal move would be interpreted as obstruction--the school board has a plan and it has been approved by the Court; the board will administer the plan, and they will obviously make it as difficult to understand and to apply as possible. It was generally agreed that community support is necessary to show how bad the plan is. Suggestion was made that at the next meeting of the BLAH group the Atlanta Council should have ready for presentation some specific things that other organizations could do in order to be helpful. It was generally agreed that, for the meeting with Dr. Letson on the following Thursday, Council representatives should request information--when forms will be available, when public meeting will be held to give necessary information and to encourage public discussion--and the Council should draw up a responsible program of necessary steps that would make the present pupil placement plan work. (Dr. Carl Holman, Rev. Ed Cahill, Jesse Hill and Harry Boyte were named to draft the letter to the school board.)

John Yungblut invited board members to attend the Tuesday evening seminar by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the school desegregation seminar the following Monday evening when Dr. Letson would be the speaker. He told of plans for "human relations" with foreign students in Atlanta.

There was some discussion on the value of monthly Council meetings in order to encourage more membership participation, with recruitment of volunteers for specific jobs. The Newsletter was discussed briefly --the cost of monthly mailings and the advisability of getting it out monthly. Mrs. Paschall thought it most important to continue the monthly mailing and it was decided that the chairman and the executive director would prepare copy for it.

Mrs. Pauley announced that around the middle of May the Georgia Council would hold a Board Members' Training Workshop for all boards of all Councils in Georgia.

Plans were discussed for an Atlanta Council conference and workshop to be held the third week in June, after the school applications have been acted upon; the workshops to deal more with human relations concerns than with desegregation of schools. A suggested speaker was a Chinese anthropologist (Northwestern) to talk about getting along with other people.

Adjournment: 2:45 P.M.   Respectfully submitted,

Montez Albright, Secretary

April 11, 1961

Mrs. Julian Griggs
1326 N. W. 12th Street
Belle Glade, Florida

Dear Mrs. Griggs:

Mr. Wright has passed your letter of April 3 on to us for reply. As requested, I'm enclosing a biographical data sheet and a photograph of Mr. Wright for your purposes.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to the Director

MF
Enclosures - 2.

MEMORANDUM April 11, 1961

To: Members of the Executive Committee

From: Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

Re: April 19th Meeting.

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This is a reminder of the meeting of the Executive Committee on Wednesday, April 19. The meeting, held in the Southern Regional Council conference room, will begin at 10:00 a.m., and end at 3:00 p.m.

We hope you can attend and will, of course, be happy to make any arrangements you may wish.

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April 11, 1961

Mr. John H. Wheeler
President
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear John:

Enclosed is a proposed agenda for the meeting of the Executive Committee of April 19. We will be happy to make any changes that you feel necessary.

The enclosed memorandum goes into some detail on several items on the agenda. If there is any question about them, I trust you will have an opportunity to discuss the agenda with Les before the meeting.

The desk pen for Dr. Clement will be available to be presented to him whenever you feel it desirable.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures

April 11, 1961

Miss Katherine Jones
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

We have had an employment application from Mr. Stanley Sigel of P. O. Box 553 in Oak Ridge. Although he is a Yankee by origin, his experience is impressive and indicates that he is serving at present as management analyst in organization and management branch of the AEC. As you know, we have a job opening in Alabama and may have other openings in the forseeable future. We would appreciate any line you could get on Mr. Sigel. Is he involved in the cause in the Oak Ridge area, does he have the skills and personality that would be appropriate for human relations work, etc.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

April 11, 1961

The Rev. William K. Williams
Florida Council on Human Relations
4241 S. W. 109th Court
Miami 55, Florida

Dear Bill:

I will look forward to seeing you then on May 6 and coming on to Miami for further discussions on Monday, May 8. Thank you for your quarterly report and newsletter. Congratulations to Helen Bailie and to you on the effective action in Ft. Lauderdale.

Your report is helpful but would be even more so if it were somewhat more detailed. As you know, we depend on these reports primarily for our evaluations of the various states and the work of the councils. For instance, what communities in Florida are facing desegregation orders in the forseeable future such as Daytona, Pensacola, etc., and what are conditions in these communities? Which local councils are carrying on the most effective programs and showing some growth and which are problems, etc? I realize I get a lot of this from your letters and our conversations, but these are not so frequent as we would like, for obvious reasons.

There are several things in your audit that cause me some concern. There is an item of $254.81 listed under accounts payable to a William K. Leeds. I do trust this is some sort of horrible Freudian slip and that you owe no money to a William K. Leeds, or any other Leeds. If this is salary payable to you, I am again concerned lest it reflect a deterioration in the financial position of the Florida Council, resulting in the back salary problem cropping up again. Feel free to reassure me on these matters.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

April 11, 1961

The Rev. Joseph Lowry
Warren Street Methodist Church
Mobile, Alabama

Dear Rev. Lowry:

I have followed with considerable concern the story of the reprisals which have been carried out against you and others in connection with the litigation over the King committee ad in the New York Times.. I know you realize that this kind of harassment to some extent is a tribute to your effectiveness and increasing reknown as a leader in the fight for equal rights, but this can be but slight comfort to you and your family.

Let me know how things are going with you during these difficult days and whether there is anything we can do to help. Are funds being raised or contributed to meet any personal hardships that may result from this legal persecution?

I had an opportunity recently to have a long talk with Horace Ward who is practicing law here and making a fine contribution to the Atlanta community. It was good to talk over old times in Mobile.

I hear of you from time to time from Father Foley and from Wyatt Walker and I hope you will call when you are next in Atlanta.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

April 11, 1961

Mr. Barry Bingham
President
The Courier-Journal
The Louisville Times
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Bingham:

We have your letter of April 7 and we shall in a few days be sending such information as we can locate which we believe might be helpful to you. I suspect, however, that we shall not have as much as you would like to have and need.

In the meantime, we are sending enclosed several general things which we have prepared or distributed regarding the sit-in movement.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosures:
The Student Protest Movement, Winter 1960
Price, Toward a Solution of the Sit-in Controversy
Morland, Lunch Counter Desegregation in ..... Texas
Westfeldt, Settling a Sit-in (Nashville)
Patrick, Lunch-Counter Desegregation in ... North Carolina
Pollitt, Dime Store Demonstrations: Events and Legal Problems of First Sixty Days
McMillan, Racial Violence and Law Enforcement
L-20, Problem Solving Through Race Relations Committees
L-22, Fowler Commission on Race Relations Report

April 11, 1961

Mr. John McKenzie
Higgins-McArthur Printing Company
302 Hayden Street N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. McKenzie:

We want to reorder on the "This I Believe" by Dr. Haywood N. Hill that you did for us (copy enclosed). Will you please print another 3,000 copies?

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

P.S. on same green paper, with same format.

April 11, 1961

The Rev. Robert Hughes
57 Sycamore Street
Roslindale 31, Massachusetts

Dear Bob:

It was good to hear from you. We have been hoping for your address and for news of you for some time now. You just disappeared into the vast and benighted stretches of the North without a trace. Now that we have your address we shall immediately replace you on the mailing list and forward a stream of materials to make up for the lack of adequate information on "real issues" in the Yankee press. You say that "either the press here is more amiss, or everything down there has slowed to a snail's pace." Of course, things here are moving at a snail's pace, but this is nothing new. The snail continues as before and at about the same pace.

I trust the sketchy handling of important news up there has leaked through the information that the University of Georgia has desegregated, that Georgia has abandoned massive resistance and that the Justice Department has moved into the Louisiana situation with some vigor. Also, under the heading of recent developments, I am enclosing a press notice that may be of some interest to you.

The Alabama Council still rocks along without a director and I have very little idea of what goes on due to the rather conservative manner in which Father Foley communicates with this office. I do know that on March 25, they interviewed three possible candidates for your empty boots, including a Rev. Bob Goodson of Alabama, whom you may know. I was not able to be present but had met with the other two possibilities -- Will Allred, a social scientist from North Carolina and the Rev. Norman Jimerson of Virginia, a Baptist type minister. Allred was offered the job and declined, and I understand the job was to be offered Jimerson and Goodson in that order.

We miss you around here and trust you are striking a few blows for the cause by lighting a few candles in the darkness of ignorance up there about things down here.

Sincerely,

PMR/sm

Paul M. Rilling

April 11, 1961

Miss Dorothy B. Newhoff
Division Chief
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
City of Baltimore
People's Court Building'
Fayette and Gay Streets
Baltimore 2, Maryland

Dear Miss Newhoff:

We are pleased that you would like to circulate Dr. Hill's short address, and you have our permission to reproduce it for that purpose.

I should point out, however, that the address appeared also in the Presbyterian Outlook and presumably at least a segment of your clergymen already have it. Another segment may have received it from the Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity, which reproduced the Outlook's edition of it. Finally, we would be able to supply the address to you in our format at .02 each.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

April 11, 1961

Mr. Thomas W. Young.
Journal and Guide
719 East Olney Road
Norfolk 1, Virginia

Dear Tom:

I am sure my visit to Norfolk is a legitimate SRC expense, so you should not be concerned about that angle.

May I let you know later when I shall arrive? It would be very kind of you to reserve a room for me the night of the 12th.

Your suggestions for the content of my talk are good and I shall follow them.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

April 11, 1961

Mr. Joe E. Elmore
Earlham College
Richmond, Indiana

Dear Joe:

Many thanks for your letter of April 7. I am especially glad to have your good wishes.

The news you report from Texas is encouraging. I'll be interested in seeing Harold Kilpatrick's reports when they arrive.

I am pleased that the Earlham Review would like to reproduce my talk. It certainly belongs to Earlham to do with as you wish. A friend has said that he is busying himself trying to get it published, but your use should not prejudice his mistaken but well intentioned efforts in any way.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

April 12, 1961

Mr. Joe Hendricks
Mercer University
Macon Georgia

Dear Mr. Hendricks:

As you requested by telephone this morning, I'm sending you biographical data on Mr. Dabbs along with three negatives which I had here in the office. I'm sorry we didn't have a glossy print, but somehow they just never get returned to us. I do hope that the negatives are not too old to be of some use to you and that out of the three you will find a suitable one.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to the Director

MF
Enclosures

April 12, 1961

Mr. George W. Healy, Jr.
Editor
The Times Picayune
Lafayette Square
New Orleans 40, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Healy:

We have given careful attention to the questions raised in your letter of April 5, concerning several statements in our article on New Orleans in the March issue of NEW SOUTH.

Of course the importance of the participation of the Negro carnival organizations in New Orleans' Mardi Gras is a matter of judgment. Mardi Gras has been a community wide festival attracting tourists of both races to the city. The publicity accompanying the Zulu parades through the years did, we feel, mark them as important events or "highlights" of the Mardi Gras. The intensive efforts of the mayor and of some white business leaders to encourage the Zulu Club and Negro participation this year seemed to show that at least some believed this participation to be significant.

You question the statement claiming a business drop "during the Christmas season." The author prepared the article in early February before the Federal Reserve Board's December report, marked for January 30 release, came to our attention. The information in our article concerning business losses relates primarily to late November, which is only the beginning of the Christmas season. You will note, in this connection, that Federal Reserve does report a loss of 9% from 1959 in New Orleans during the month of November.

Our statement was based primarily on information contained in the New York Times, November 28, p. 34, headlined "Business Decline Hits New Orleans," and the Wall Street Journal, November 18, headlined "New Orleans Caught in Economic Squeeze." The Times article noted sales down 35% in one "major department store," and a decline of "more than 40% in another." Restaurant business was noted as down 20%. The Wall Street Journal piece, by James Harwood, cited losses of 20-30% at Maison Blanche, etc. The Times story quoted a business executive as stating "Canal Street merchants told me that their business for November--as of last Friday--was the worst in memory, even including the depression."

The December figures for department stores do show a recovery over November. This should have been noted when proofs of our article were read and revised. We try at all times to give an accurate and fair analysis. A future issue of NEW SOUTH will, therefore, carry a clarification of the business situation in New Orleans, noting the December and January sales figures as well as other later information that may be available.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

April 12, 1961

Mr. Bernie L. Burke
2108 Mt. Royal Terrace
Baltimore 17, Maryland

Dear Mr. Burke:

We will be glad to keep your project in mind, and if and when we note publications or news clips which would be helpful to you, we will send them along.

Thank you for your check; it is ample for all the expenses of sending materials.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

April 12, 1961

Dr. Ernest Q. Campbell
Department of Sociology
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Professor Campbell:

I have seen your article in the March *Social Forces*: "Moral Discomfort and Racial Segregation--an Examination of the Myrdal Hypothesis." If you have a reprint, we would be most happy to have it for our files.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

April 12, 1961

Professor James W. Vander Zanden
Sociology Department
Duke University
Durham, N. C.

Dear Professor Vander Zanden:

I am glad to see that you have published some more of your research on southern segregationists. If you have a spare reprint of "Voting on Segregationist's Referendum," Public Opinion Quarterly, Spring, 1961, we would be most grateful to receive it.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

April 12, 1961

Mr. Joseph M. Garza
Department of Sociology
Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Garza:

I am enclosing a copy of the requested analysis of of the sit-in movement by Leslie W. Dunbar; it is to be published (slightly revised) in Phylon. Mimeographed copies were distributed after its presentation at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, August, 1960, in New York City.

Under separate cover we are mailing you a few of our publications dealing with the student protest movement. We hope you will find these helpful in preparing your master's thesis.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
- Student Protest Movement
- Price, Toward a Solution of the Sit-in Controversy
- Morland, Lunch-Counter Desegregation in ... Texas
- Westfeldt, Settling a Sit-in (Nashville)
- McMillan, Racial Violence and Law Enforcement

April 12, 1961

Social Action
Council for Christian Social Action
United Church of Christ
289 Park Avenue South
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

Please send us one copy of Social Action, January 1961 issue; we are interested in the articles on the sit-ins. We are enclosing .20¢.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

April 12, 1961

The Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
3-B Broad-Grace Arcade Building
Richmond 19, Virginia

To Whom It May Concern:

J. J. Brewbaker will be journeying to Tennessee for conferences with school superintendents in May. Are there places in Virginia where he ought to drop in also?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

April 12, 1961

Miss Katherine Jones
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

J. J. Brewbaker who, as you know, is the former Norfolk school superintendent and now is serving as educational consultant for SRC, is planning to visit school superintendents in Chattanooga, Davidson County, Nashville, and possibly Knoxville and Clinton in early May. He is anxious for any other suggestions we may have. Do you see other situations in Tennessee that would be ripe for some softening up from one superintendent to another?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

April 12, 1961

Mrs. George Dumbauld
The Houston Council on Human Relations
3605 Fannin Street
Houston 4, Texas

Dear Mrs. Dumbauld:

We were glad to receive your recent newsletter and your letter of April 5 giving us a good picture of program activities of the Houston Council. You seem to be moving in a number of constructive directions and becoming an active force in the city. We have sent on the copies of the Hill address you requested.

I thought your newsletter was excellent and have no suggestions for changing the format, except to urge you to mail copies regularly to all of our state councils. Congratulations on opening the annual Brotherhood Dinner of the NCCJ.

Let me know how your finances and membership are developing. Let me know also if you receive any response to your offer of s speakers for other organizations.

How is the outlook for expanding your token desegregation pattern next fall?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

April 12, 1961

TRENDS in Housing
National Committee Against Discrimination
in Housing
426 West 58 Street
New York 19, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

Please send us five copies each of the following items:

Discrimination in Housing: A Handbook of Fact, by Eunice and George Grier. 1960. 67 pp. @ .50	$2.50
Racial and Religious Discrimination in Housing: A Report of Legal Progress, by J. Harold Saks and Sol Rabkin. 1960. 36 pp. @ 0. Reprinted from Iowa Law Review.	

We are adding the requested .25 for mailing and handling.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Enclosure:
check: $2.75

April 12, 1961

Lt. Arthur Niederhoffer
New York City Police Academy, Rm. 203
7 Hubert Street
New York 13, New York

Dear Lt. Niederhoffer:

We are mailing you today the requested four copies of McMillan, Racial Violence and Law Enforcement. When you have had an opportunity to look this over, we would appreciate any comments you may have.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

April 12, 1961

National Desk
New York Times
229 West 43rd Street
New York 36, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

We are mailing you this photograph of Leslie W. Dunbar at the request of Claude Sitton.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

April 12, 1961

Eagleton Institute of Politics
Rutgers University
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Dear Sirs:

We are enclosing .50¢ for which we would like to receive one copy of your Case Studies in Practical Politics, "An All-Negro Ticket in Baltimore," by James Fleming. 1960. about 16 pp.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

April 12, 1961

The Journal of Educational Sociology
New York University
Washington Square
New York 3, New York

Dear Sirs:

We would like very much to receive a copy of your special edition of February, 1959, containing a review of southern higher education with special reference to the admission of Negroes, 1938-1958, edited by Lewis W. Jones of Tuskegee Institute. Will you please send one copy, and bill us.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

April 13, 1961

Mr. Mathew Ahmann
Executive Director
21 West Superior Street
Chicago 10, Illinois

Dear Mat:

We are sending you three hundred (300) copies of *Racial Crisis and the Press*. Price: 10 cents each. How's that?

Harold's address in Washington is as yet non-existent; you can keep writing here or to his home:

126 The Prado, N.E.
Atlanta 9, Georgia

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure
LWD/jf

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

April 13, 1961

Professor Sam P. Wiggins
Center for Southern Education Studies
George Peabody College for Teachers
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Dear Sam:

Our congratulations to you and the others connected with the Center for Southern Education Studies both for the launching of the Center as an active force in the South, and for the preparation of what is really a good outline of problems and situations. Keys to Greatness is a first-rate publication. As a matter of fact, can we get a few more copies?

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

LWD/jf

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

April 13, 1961

Dr. M. B. Bethel
School of Public Health
University of North Carolina
Drawer 229
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Bethel:

The proposed study of medical care in the South was unfortunately one of those things which never came out into the light of day. I am sorry about this, for a good bit of thought went into the preparation of the proposal. I hope that we shall be able to return to it someday. Because of this, I hope we shall be able to stay closely informed regarding your work.

I assume that among the "myriad pieces of material" which you are working through may be my letter of October 27 to McNeil Smith in which I made some bibliographical suggestions.

Enclosed with this letter are a few news clippings which you may like to have with your files.

Please let me know whenever we can be of service.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

Enclosures
LWD/jf

April 13, 1961

Mr. Lester Kabacoff
Edgar Stern Family Fund
521 Royal Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Kabby:

Vernon Eagle, Executive Director of the New World Foundation, whom you probably know, is coming South next week to New Orleans, Jackson, Mississippi and Atlanta to try to gain some first-hand impression of human relations problems in these areas. Vernon asked us to suggest contacts for him in these communities and to do what we could to coordinate his visits.

I thought it would be unfair to ask you to take over the burden of handling Vernon's visit to New Orleans. I have asked Andy Rogers and Betty Wisdom to do some of the contact leg work. I would appreciate it if you could give Vernon an interview and cooperate as best you can. He is an able and knowledgeable man, interested in getting an accurate and balanced picture. He will be in New Orleans only from noon Monday, April 17 until 6:30 p.m. April 18. I am suggesting that he try and see you, Sam Rosenberg, Jim Redmond, Mary Sand, Andy, Bob Lancaster, Al Dent, Clarence Laws, Harvey Kerns, Gladys Cahn, and Tureaud. It will probably be impossible for him to see all of them in such a short period. I took the liberty of suggesting to Andy that you might be willing to help in arranging contacts with Rosenberg and Redmond.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

April 13, 1961

Mrs. Clifford J. Durr
17 Molton Street Building
Montgomery 4, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Durr:

Many thanks for your letter of April 11 and your warm congratulations.

I wish I could hear Mrs. Roosevelt also, as a matter of fact I am speaking at the same affair, but a day earlier and I doubt that I can stay over. I am also, incidentally, speaking at Miles College May 9. So I continue to get quick exposures to Alabama.

About Hardeman, I think we had better leave this one alone for the present. This opinion is strengthened by the fact that I know that Reporter magazine will be doing a piece on Montgomery in the near future. I expect this could be the most effective means of calling attention to any sins of commission the new administration may have made in Alabama. The writer's name is Barbara Morgan. She will be in Montgomery early in May. We have advised her to see you and Mr. Durr, and are also helping her with background. Incidentally, I think Judge Johnson was devilishly clever in ordering the local district attorney to represent the government in future civil rights litigation. This will put Mr. Hardeman squarely on the spot.

I have had an opportunity to convey the gist of your remarks about Maxwell Field to an appropriate government office.

The educational TV thing is a tough one. Frankly, I don't know what the situation is; but will find out.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

April 13, 1961

Mr. T. R. Frazier
Tutor's Office
Union Theological Seminary
Broadway at 120th Street
New York 27, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Frazier:

We are pleased to mail you a copy of The Federal Executive and Civil Rights. We do have Tarplee, The Church in Areas of Racial Tension, and are including a copy. Because I think you would also be interested in seeing This I Believe, by Haywood N. Hill, I am inclosing it, also. Incidentally, we do have churches left here, too! And this can be interpreted in several ways.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
- This I Believe
- The Church in Areas of Racial Tension
- The Federal Executive and Civil Rights

April 13, 1961

Mr. Alan R. Meisel
10A Mosswood Road
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mr. Meisel:

The Southern Regional Council does not have a general mailing list. Our monthly publication, NEW SOUTH, is two dollars per year on a subscription basis and it carries information concerning most of the Council's other publications. Enclosed is a sample copy of NEW SOUTH and a listing of some of our other resent materials.

If we can be of additional aid, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encls.

April 14, 1961

Professor R. Wallace Brewster
College of the Liberal Arts
Department of Political Science
The Pennsylvania State University
Sparks Building
University Park, Pa.

Dear Professor Brewster:

We are mailing you today, under separate cover, the requested copy of our report, The Federal Executive and Civil Rights. Any comments you may have regarding its proposals will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

April 14, 1961

Miss Sandra Wilbur
345 North Main Street
Raynham, Mass.

Dear Miss Wilbur:

We have not put out anything in pamphlet form on your subject, Racial Awareness Among Children. I am enclosing a small pamphlet, of which we happen to have an extra copy, put out by the Public Affairs Committee, Fear and Prejudice, by Selma Hirsh.

I would suggest that you try to find one or more of the following books in your local library:

Clark, Kenneth B., Prejudice and Your Child. Boston: Beacon Press, 1955. Deals with ways children learn about race and the harmful effects of prejudice on children of both races.

Frazier, E. Franklin. Negro Youth at the Crossways. Washington, D.C., American Council on Education, 1940. Study of the dilemmas and problems facing Negro youths who grow up in the middle, or border, states. The influences of various social and community factors are discussed as they affect the feelings and attitudes of the youths toward themselves as Negroes.

Goodman, Mary Ellen. Race Awareness in Young Children. Cambridge, Addison-Wesley Press, 1952. Study of the emergence of racial awareness, identification, and bias in four-year-olds at an interracial nursery.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

April 14, 1961

Dr. Rufus Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta 14, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

It was so nice to talk to you about the housing problem for The Fellowship of the Concerned for this fall. I feel so relieved that you will work with us on the problem.

The National Council of Churches has called a Retreat for November 1-2, so we have had to change our dates to November 6-7.

I hope this change will not affect the plans you can make for us.

This Workshop must be made to be very significant. We must face the fact that courts and not the church hase led the way in social change of this day.

We must find techniques and ways to help the church, whose voice is well nigh stilled and hands tied by the people in the pews.

Thanking you more than I have words to express for your continued help, @ remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs.M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lc

April 14, 1961

Miss Florence Harris
Southern Region - YWCA
41 Exchange Place, S. E., Suite 201
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Harris:

We are sending you the forty informational sheets on The Fellowship of the Concerned.

The dates this year are November 6-7, and we will meet at Clark College.

Travel and entertainment for two representatives from Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, the Carolinas, Virginia, and Tennessee will be provided. I hope you will have representatives from each of these states.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

April 14, 1961

Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Ebenezer Baptist Church
407 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. King:

It was indeed a pleasure to meet you yesterday. Now, please mark the dates of November 6-7, on your calendar, for we do very much want you to be with the Fellowship of the Concerned -- Southern Women Concerned About Their South. We will meet at Clark College.

Last year Rosa Page Welch was with us and it will be very wonderful to have you this year.

I am enclosing some information about the Fellowship. The women will be leaders in the field of human relations. Both races and the three faiths will be represented, and all our Southern states.

We of the Southern Regional Council who ate at your Church yesterday enjoyed the meal very much and we greatly appreciated the extra courtesy you extended to us by sending a station wagon for us.

Please thank for us the women who prepared the meal and give Rev. Mr. Bennett an extra thank you for us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:lee
Encl.

April 14, 1961

Dr. James P. Brawley
President
Clark College
Atlanta 14, Georgia

Dear Dr. Brawley:

I thank you very much for your gracious letter. It gave me quite a boost.

The National Council of Churches has scheduled a Retreat on November 1-2, and this came after we set our date. The date of the Fellowship of the Concerned now will be November 6-7. I hope this date is open for us.

I wish I had words to express my thanks to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

April 14, 1961

Mr. John McKenzie
Higgins-McArthur Company
302 Hayden Street N.E.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. McKenzie:

Please print 5,000 copies for us of L-25 (you have the copy), with 2,400 folded to fit #10 envelope and the remaining 2,600 delivered flat. The size is to be 8½ x 11, and reproduction by off-set photo.

We understand delivery can be made on April 19th.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

April 14, 1961

Miss Katherine Jones
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

We were very pleased that you and Will and George were in on the conference with the Vice President. It was good to talk with you on the phone about it the other day.

My schedule would permit me to come to Tennessee for a few days beginning April 24, if you think it best. My indecision arises from the fact that I have sometimes found that to visit on the occasion of a large meeting such as the Nashville annual workshop provides less opportunity than usual for any consultation on program and organisational concerns because staff are usually so heavily involved in the meeting itself. My major purpose in coming would be to have some time with you and with Dr. Glasse, at some time have the opportunity to meet with the board, and of course to be of use in any way that you see as possible. I will be happy to come on the 24th if you feel this is the best time?

I am reasonably sure that we can work out something in the way of necessary leadership for a detailed workshop in Jackson later on, but you will be talking this over with John Hope.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

April 14, 1961

Mr. Gideon W. Fryer
Health and Welfare Council, Inc.
Delaware County District
13 South Avenue
Media, Pa.

Dear Mr. Fryer:

Harold has passed your letter of March 17 on to me, and so it happily falls to my lot to express our gratification regarding your new program at the University of Tennessee. So far as we know, Miami is the only southern university offering training for careers in intergroup relations. What you are planning is welcome and interesting indeed.

We are pleased that you think of SRC as a desirable spot for student training. The four specific points you raised I have talked over carefully with Paul Rilling, who, as our Field Director, would be probably the key figure here in any arrangements that might be worked out. We would answer your questions this way:

1) We definitely will be on the alert for programs which might be suitable for field work placement. I suggest you also communicate with Wilton Hartzler of the American Friends Service Committee (P.O. Box 1307) in High Point, N. C.

2) We will be on the lookout for graduates who might be likely candidates for the program.

3) We have no immediate ideas concerning sources of funds for training scholarships for the human relations field. You probably know that NAIRO is exploring the possibility of renewing its internship program and is seeking funds for this purpose.

4) We would be willing to talk further of the possibility of SRC as a field work location and, if we participated, might be able to manage some pay for a student during the field work period. This would seem possible, however, only if you would approve one of our professional staff members as the supervisor. I don't believe it would be feasible for such a student to be working with us with an outside social work supervisor involved.

Sorry, but we cannot do a think ? for Dick Taylor. We must have had six or seven very able students--undergraduate and graduate--apply for work this Summer; we have engaged two, and are afraid we already have over-committed ourselves.

Your New South subscription ought to be now straightened out; if there are any more slip-ups, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

April 14, 1961

The Diners Club, Inc.
10 Columbus Circle
New York 19, New York

Gentlemen:

Please issue to Mr. Leslie W. Dunbar, Executive Director of the Southern Regional Council, a Diners Club card. We have held, through Mr. Harold C. Fleming, former Director, a Diners Club account for some time. Please advise us if additional information is required.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

April 14, 1961

Herren's Restaurant
84 Luckie Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Gentlemen:

Mr. Leslie W. Dunbar has become Executive Director of the Southern Regional Council. May we have a Herren's credit card for his use? Please use the office address for mailing and billing purposes.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

April 14, 1961

Southern Bell Telephone and
    Telegraph Company
Auburn Avenue and Ivy Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Gentlemen:

Please issue, on our account, a telephone credit card for Mr. Leslie W. Dunbar of our staff.

Sincerely

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

April 14, 1961

Eastern Air Lines
522 W. Peachtree Street, N. W.
Atlanta 8, Georgia

Gentlemen:

Please issue, on our account, a "Q" card to Mr. Leslie W. Dunbar of our staff. Mr. Dunbar now has a standard air travel card which will be returned to you for cancellation on receipt of the new card.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

April 17, 1961

Mrs. Josephine Hamilton
Church Hill
Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

From time to time we receive from you a bundle of newspaper clippings, and we always find items we would not be able to get from any other source. These add to our extensive files, and we want to thank you for your thoughtfulness and your faithfulness.

We do no~~t~~w, however, subscribe to the Chattanooga Times and clip it regularly. So you can at least save yourself the chore of clipping it for us.

You may be interested to know that we are considered to have one of the best collections of newspaper clippings, magazine articles, etc. on all aspects of race relations. Many authors, newspaper reporters, academic researchers, etc. visit us to use our files. It is, of course, with the assistance of people like yourself that it has been possible for us to accumulate this material. We value your cooperation highly, and hope that you will continue to help us.

We thank you again for your kindness in our behalf.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

April 17, 1961

School of Library Science
University of Illinois
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Sirs:

We would like very much to receive two copies of your "Occasional Paper No. 59," written by Ralph E. Ellsworth and Sarah M. Harris, on The American Right Wing. Our check for $2.00 is enclosed.

Incidentally, we learned of this paper through the editorial in The Christian Century.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Enclosure:
Check, $2.00

April 17, 1961

The Order of the Holy Grail
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Sirs:

We would like to order about 25 copies of your April 8, 1960 publication "E Pluribus Unum" Our Hope for Years to Come, an address by McNeill Smith. If you have copies available, will you let us know how many and at what cost?

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

April 17, 1961

Mrs. Pennie Thomas
710 E. Willard
Muncie, Indiana

Dear Mrs. Thomas:

We are mailing you today a few items regarding the psychological effects of being a member of a minority group.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

MAILED SEPARATELY:
Dabbs, The Tragic Fellowship of Southerners
Emotional Aspects of School Desegregation
Clark, Some General Observations in the Negro Community of Little Rock

April 17, 1961

Mr. Charles Wittenstein
American Jewish Committee
41 Exchange Place S.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

300 "This I Believe," @ .02 $6.00
by Dr. H. H. Hill

plus postage

April 17, 1961

Professor Robert Michaelson
615 Holt Avenue
Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Professor Mechaelson:

At the request of Miss Jean Fairfax, of the American Friends Service Committee, we are mailing you anumber of our publications, and publications reprinted or distributed by us, to provide you with a comprehensive background on what has been happening in the South since 1954. We hope these will assist you in preparing for the questions you anticipate when you arrive in India.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
1 of everything

April 17, 1961

Miss Jean Fairfax
American Friends Service Committee
160 North Fifteenth St.
Philadelphia 2, Pa.

Dear Jean:

We have taken you at your word and have sent off to Professor Robert Michaelson a packet of "one of everything." There is no charge for the materials; we are pleased to be able to help Professor Michaelson to give a fair and clear picture of the South when he gets to India.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:A

April ~~19~~ 17, 1961

Dr. Thornton W. Merriam
Leadership Development Project
YMCA
Standard Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Thornton:

I think your check list of assumptions, attitudes, etc. is quite valid and will make a very usable instrument. I have no suggestions to make for change. This does not mean I did not look it over carefully, but rather I feel that it does represent the range of attitudes you encounter within the Y. I think it will prove widely useful.

I would make two suggestions for material in addition to those you already have listed. One is our publication entitled "School Desegregation; the first six years." This is a fairly simple pamphlet which summarizes developments quite well for the layman. The other is our study of the sit-in movement, "The Student Protest Movement." This is already somewhat outdated, but I think it gives a faithful reflection of the movement. I will check further on the prospect of a good film and be in touch with you.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

April 17, 1961

Dr. Clifton O. Dummett
Chief, Dental Service
Veterans Administration Hospital
Tuskegee, Alabama

Dear Dr. Dummett:

Thank you for your very understanding letter of April 11. And my apologies for the failure of communication here!

I shall be glad to keep you informed of my new organization once it is underway, and I share your hope that we may meet soon.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 17, 1961

Mr. Walter Johnson
University of Chicago
Department of History
1126 East 59th Street
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Walter:

I thought we had sent you a copy of our report, The Federal Executive and Civil Rights; certainly I intended to. In any case, here it is. Any reactions you might find time to give us would be especially welcome here.

Also enclosed is a news release announcing an impending staff change here. When I get the new institute launched in Washington, you will be hearing further from me.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 3.

April 18, 1961

Miss Virginia Combothekras
Barnard College
Columbia University
New York 27, New York

Dear Miss Combothekras:

Under separate cover, we are mailing you a copy of "The Negro and the Ballot" which was published since the earlier study you mentioned. The map you mentioned is out of print. The research department is now in the process of up-dating the map based on the 1960 census; but as yet, we do not know when this will be available.

Also enclosed, under separate cover, is a copy of "Federal Executive and Civil Rights." The cost is fifty cents per copy.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

April 18, 1961

Miss Monica Knorr
23 Laurel Road
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Miss Knorr:

Thank you for your very nice letter of April 13. Under separate cover we are sending several pieces of information about the Council and its activities.

As a matter of information, there are no teachers or schools in the South that have been cut off from state funds because of having integrated. There has been some difficulty in New Orleans, but teachers there are now being paid from public funds. In Prince Edward County, Virginia, the public schools, under Federal court order to desegregate, have been closed. White students are attending private schools and no formal program exists for the Negro students. There are, therefore, no organizations in the South to receive funds for the purpose you indicate. In the case of the Southern Regional Council, your offer of contributions is very generous. However, our budget is adequately covered and there are probably groups closer to Princeton which you would enjoy assisting.

If you would like more information on Prince Edward County, Virginia, or would like suggestions of schools and students that need help, you might want to write Miss Jean Fairfax, American Friends Service Committee, 160 N. 15th Street, Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania. Miss Fairfax is in charge of AFSC programs in the South concerned with race relations and would be an excellent person to advise you.

One further thought. Your interests are admirable and needed, in the South and elsewhere. However, we have found that frequently our efforts in the South are greatly strengthened when any section of the country moves more closely toward achieving a genuinely democratic society. Therefore, be assured that your efforts in Princeton will help not only Princeton but the nation and certainly the South.

If you would like more of the Council's publications or other help, please let us know.

Thank you for thinking of SRC.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures mailed separately.

New South, Feb. 1961
"This I Believe" - Haywood N. Hill
Racial Violence and Law Enforcement
School Desegregation...
The South and the Nation, Collins
Congressional Record Reprint, Douglas
HCF New York Times Reprint "A Southern View of the South"
Student Protest Movement, Winter 1960

April 18, 1961

Miss Judith A. Long
61 Garden Street
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Long:

Dr. Dunbar has asked that I reply to your letter of April 15.

Regrettably, there are no openings in the research department or with the Council that would meet your interests. We shall be happy to keep your request on file, but there is little likelihood that an appropriate opening would develop in the near future.

You may wish to write the National Association of Intergroup Officials at 426 West 58th Street, Room 209, New York 19. NAIRO maintains the most complete listing of positions available in the intergroup relations field. This organization is also considering a new training program for persons who wish to enter intergroup relations work. It is quite possible that they may be of help to you.

Thank you for thinking of the Southern Regional Council. I deeply regret that we cannot respond more favorably.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

April 18, 1961

Mr. Arnold Bloom
News Editor
OVERVIEW
470 Park Avenue South
New York 16, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Bloom:

I think your article is good and, unlike so many writings in this field, represents new facts and is for that reason especially valuable. Overview is to be commended for undertaking this study. May I order now a copy of the issue which will carry the article?

I have only two questions, both related to galley three: first, I do not have data at hand, but I would doubt that the elimination of Negro one-room schools has "far out-paced" the elimination of such schools for whites. If you have the documentation, well and good. Otherwise, I believe it should be that in both white and Negro education this has been an important and generally equal trend.

Secondly, as you may have assumed I would, I read closely what you attributed to me. The quotation is all right; I believe that the following would be a more accurate paraphrasing of my remarks and certainly a more accurate statement of the situation:

"Leslie Dunbar, director of research for the Southern Regional Council, finds that numerous Negro educators quietly defend the segregated status quo and that few have been conspicuous in the school integration battle."

I enjoyed meeting you when you were in Atlanta, and I hope that the next time will permit a more leisurely visit.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

April 18, 1961

Mr. Donald F. Sullivan
Director
The Nat'l Conference of Christians & Jews
310 Commerce Exchange Bldg.
Oklahoma City 2, Okla.

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

I wish we could give you the information requested by your memorandum of April 13. Unfortunately we do not have such facts and I do not know where they would be available. Consequently, I hope that if you are able to develop them you will share them with us.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

April 18, 1961

Mr. Marvin Caplan
6405 Third Street, N.W.
Washington 12, D. C.

Dear Mr. Caplan:

We have mailed you today, separately and airmail as requested, a copy of Mary Ellen Goodman's report on the private schools in Virginia. There is no charge.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

April 18, 1961

Professor W. S. Hamer
Department of History
The University of Mississippi
University, Mississippi

Dear Professor Hamer:

We are mailing you under separate cover the requested publication, The Federal Executive and Civil Rights. Since this report was rather expensive, we have made a practice of asking .50¢ each. We have, therefore, sent you only one copy; if you would like to have others, you may order and enclose your check @ .50 each.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

April 18, 1961

Professor L. K. Northwood
University of Washington
Seattle 5, Washington

Dear Professor Northwood:

We are mailing you under separate cover the requested publication, The Church in Areas of Racial Tension, by the Rev. Cornelius C. Tarplee. We are also enclosing with it a few other things which you may find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
Tarplee, The Church in Areas of Racial Tension
New South, Jan. 1960, "Religion's Role in Desegregation"
by the Rev. Will D. Campbell
McGill, "The Agony of the Southern Minister," N.Y.Times
Ed. reprint, Christian Century, "Let us Kneel-in Together"
Dabbs, The Tragic Fellowship of Southerners
Hill, This I Believe

April 18, 1961

Professor Donald R. Matthews
Department of Political Science
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Don:

In the first place, many thanks for your letter of March 23, which we are filing with the ~~Delta Association~~ Belden Associates report. I hope I said nothing to you on the phone to bias you, and I don't believe I did, and I know that I could not if I had tried. But I suspect you know that I am not displeased that your analysis led to the conclusions that it did.

You and Jim were very kind to write as you did on April 10. I feel that we were of so little help to you in getting interviewers, but I am glad you are launched and terribly eager to hear the results--in due time.

Finally, many thanks for your good wishes regarding my new assignment.

Give my best wishes to Jim Prothro.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

April 18, 1961

Mr. Paul R. Christopher
Director, Region Eight
AFL-CIO
216 Flatiron Building
705 Broadway N. E.
Knoxville 17, Tenn.

Dear Paul:

We are all sorry that you will miss tomorrow's executive committee meeting, but sorrier still that you must be in the hospital. I hope that it is not anything serious and that your stay will be a short one.

We shall be keenly interested to hear more from you.

I showed your letter of April 11 to Harold, and he was deeply appreciative of your comments. On my part, I want to thank you for your assurance of confidence and support. You are one of the pillars of the Southern Regional Council and I value your good wishes highly.

With best wishes, and get well quick.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

April 18, 1961

The Rev. Wyatt Tee Walker
Executive Director
Southern Christian Leadership Conference
208 Auburn Avenue N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Wyatt:

I would like to add this more formal expression to the thanks I have already conveyed to you for your thoughtfulness in wiring your congratulations to me recently on my new appointment. All of us who are active in the effort to extablish justice and unity in the South have a very special regard for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and I am, therefore, uniquely gratified to have your good wishes.

Please give my regards to Dr. King. I know how busy are the days of both you and him, but if at some time soon you would have a few minutes in your schedules, I think it would be worthwhile for the three of us to exchange thoughts. I know it would be helpful to me.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

April 19, 1961

Miss Marie Turner
American Friends Service Committee
160 North Fifteenth Street
Philadelphia 2, Pa.

Dear Miss Turner:

We are mailing you today the requested 25 copies of This I Believe, by Haywood N. Hill, and Civil Disobedience, by Leslie Dunbar. A statement is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

April 19, 1961

Miss Carole N. Goldstein
4216 Markley
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Miss Goldstein:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, some material on school segregation in the South. I have prepared an up-to-date article concerning secondary school desegregation but it will be several weeks before it is in print. If you would like to have this article when it appears, please let me know and I will mail you a copy.

With best wishes for your paper.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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April 20, 1961

Miss Mina P. Shaughnessy
General Education Board
111 West 50th Street
New York 20, N. Y.

Dear Miss Shaughnessy:

Many thanks for your good letter of April 17. You will be interested to know that it brought the first news of the Rockefeller grant. After your letter was opened, Harold immediately put in a call to Dave Freeman, and got confirmation. Incidentally, Freeman was curious as to our informant on what he understood was still an unannounced decision; Harold was appropriately and characteristically close-mouthed.

The news was especially gratifying, coming as it happened on the day of a quarterly meeting of our Executive Committee.

Your efforts in our behalf with the labor unions are highly appreciated. This is support which, for a variety of reasons, we particularly like to have. Your lack of progress approximately equals ours. But this in no way diminishes our gratitude to you. I expect to be in New York sometime within the next two months; I hope that, when I am, it may be possible for me to see you to talk of this more.

We have entered your subscription to New South, and have also put you on a mailing list to receive other releases.

I trust your own writing goes along well.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

April 20, 1961

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Sorry for all the trouble I caused, but for my part I enjoyed being with your group and seeing some of the fine people in South Carolina again.

May I ask two favors of you? One, that you convey my apologies and regrets to Dr. A. J. Clement for having missed his address. Two, that you drop a note of thanks for all of his assistance to me in finding my way (he will know what you are talking about) to Father Sorce. I can't do this myself because I am uncertain about the spelling of his name and of his address. I think it was St. Peter's Catholic Church.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

April 20, 1961

Mr. Lester Kabacoff
Edgar Stern Family Fund
521 Royal Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Kabby:

Thank you for your letter of April 14. I will be happy to continue the cooperative arrangement . I just felt that I might be making a number of trips to New Orleans this spring and summer to keep in touch with things and that it might not be reasonable to expect the special funds to pay my travel expenses indefinitely. I will simply use my best judgment concerning any expenses connected with future trips. Actually, there is only a small amount of money remaining unexpended at any rate.

Vernon Eagle is in Atlanta today and tomorrow and indicates that he enjoyed his time in New Orleans and that he had a helpful conference with Jim Redmond. He is sorry that he missed seeing you. I will try to give you longer notice the next time.

I will be coming to New Orleans May 2 for reasons unconnected with our usual concerns. I will, however, try to come in a day or two earlier and perhaps we can get together briefly on Monday May 1, if your schedule permits.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

April 20, 1961

Father Albert Foley
Spring Hill College
Mobile, Alabama

Dear Father Foley:

It was good to get your note of April 13, indicating that you feel that Norman Jimerson has accepted the post of director of the ACHR. I was somewhat concerned about this situation, having talked to Jimerson about this in Richmond April 18, at which time he indicated that there was still some doubt, due primarily to the salary factor. He stated that he had written to the Alabama Council that he could not come for less than $7,500, a figure which seemed to me probably too large for the Alabama budget. At any rate, I hope that any confusion on his part has been cleared up by now.

I am at present scheduled to attend a board meeting of the Florida Council on May 6, although I would like to be present at the Alabama board meeting during this time of transition and decision. If there is still any area of doubt concerning the new appointment by May 6, let me know and I will try to revise my schedule to be with you.

It will be good to have this important post adequately filled again.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

April 20, 1961

The Citizens' Council
813 Plaza Building
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Sirs:

In February we ordered some materials from you, enclosing our check. To date we have received, in three different mailing, all of the materials ordered with the exception of two items:

2-A, The Voice of the South Must Be Heard	.25
3-E, Equality Versus Liberty: The Eternal Conflict, Pitman	.25

We thought perhaps these were temporarily out of print and would be sent later. If you do not have them, we would appreciate a refund.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

April 20, 1961

Mr. Jo Drake Arrington
P. O. Box 35
Gulfport, Miss.

Dear Mr. Arrington:

We are mailing you today, under separate cover, the requested Leadership Reports.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

April 20, 1961

Mrs. Ben Russell
824 Tusculum Boulevard
Greenville, Tennessee

Dear Jean:

The Atlanta steering committee met recently and came up with a whole slew of suggestions for your May meeting agenda. Needless to say, I will be happy to help you notify people of assignments.

I am anxious myself to go to New Orleans Sunday night or Monday morning to get in a day of contact work there on the same travel fee which will cover my trip to the interagency meeting. If it is convenient to you, I suggest we get together Monday evening for some agenda discussions at Antoine's or Arnaud's.

The suggested items for consideration are:

1) An analysis in depth of the New Orleans situation both for behind the scenes understanding and for consideration of future contributions by participating groups. It was thought that locally based professionals could be asked to lead off on this and that we might ales invite a local attorney to clarify the significance for the futur of some of the legal moves and precedants. The local professionals there are Irv Schulman of the ADL, Harvey Kerns of the Urban League, and Henry Cabirac of the new Catholic Human Relations Council. I think we should ask Schulman to invite Sam Rosenberg as the attorney. Rosenberg is the school board attorney who is a former past chairman of Schulman's board.

2) An analysis of the trends and possibilities in the merit employment field. It was thought that this might be the "think" subject that we sometimes designate for general strategical brainstorming. The idea here was to note the significance of the new employment committee, survey several state advisory committees, etc. I don't know who would be best to lead this kind of discussion. Perhaps John Hope or Herman Long if they are coming. As yet, we have not heard from anybody at the Race Relations Institute.

3) An analysis of the Atlanta school situation and efforts being made

to prepare the city. Neither Art Levin nor Charles Wittenstein will be present so I will probably take this responsibility along with Ed Brown.

4) A look at the sit-in situation with particular emphasis on Rock Hill, Mississippi, and the focus on theaters. Connie Curry could lead off on this with assistance from Wyatt Walker and Clarence Laws, the SW director of the NAACP, if he comes. He returned his card without checking yes or no.

5) Next, the usual agenda item on Prince Edward County with Jean Fairfax.

6) A look at the resurgence of rightist activities in the South(Birch Society et. all) with Irv Schulman giving some ADL data.

7) A look at the Fayette, Haywood west Tennessee situation. Will Campbell will have some insights, also Richard Hailey from CORE, if he comes.

8) Consideration of the other school developments with a particular look at the significance of recent court actions on pupil placement laws.

9) A look at trends in voter registration with a report from Clarence Laws, if on hand, and additional comments from Wyatt Walker and Rosetta Gardner.

This is probably too much to handle. Perhaps some of these items should be boiled down. Let me know if there is anything else I can do prior to May 1.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

April 20, 1961

Mr. David Dubinsky, President
International Ladies' Garment Workers'
Union
1710 Broadway
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Dubinsky:

On behalf of the Southern Regional Council, we are deeply grateful for the $500.00 contribution from the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union received today.

The Council will continue to work toward maintaining the interest and support of the ILGWU in the future as it has in the past.

Enclosed is the Council's official receipt for your records.

Again, thank you and best wishes from all the staff.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth House Alexander
Secretary-Treasurer

RHA/hs
Enclosure

April 20, 1961

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
Executive Vice President
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hahn:

I am very glad to acknowledge, on behalf of the Southern Regional Council, receipt of the Field Foundation's check for $50,000, representing payment in full of a grant for a two-year extension of assistance to the state Councils on Human Relations. We fully understand and accept the terms of the grant, as set forth in your letter of April 18, 1961.

This renewal of the Field Foundation's interest and confidence in the state councils, and in the Southern Regional Council as well, is deeply reassuring. It was fitting that your letter was received while a quarterly meeting of our Executive Committee was in session, and the Committee asked me to convey its sincere appreciation to you and the other officers of the Foundation.

Finally, let me note my personal gratitude for your good wishes on my recent appointment.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director Elect

LWD/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Official receipt)

April 21, 1961

Father Albert Foley
Spring Hill College
Mobile, Alabama

Dear Father Foley:

For publication in New South, we are attempting a brief survey connected with the employment of Negro city bus drivers. We have written to the Superintendent of transit companies in Nashville, Tampa, Mobile, Jacksonville, and Kansas City, Mo. (those cities we know to have begun employing Negroes as drivers during the past year); thus far we have received no reply from Mobile.

At this point, we believe a personal call or telephone call by a local resident might be the only way to obtain an answer. We would be grateful if you, acting in your capacity as Chairman of the Alabama Council, would contact the supervisor (or some other authority) of the local bus company and ask him directly for his observations. The specific questions we would like answered are outlined in the attached copy of our earlier inquiry.

If adequate answers can be obtained, we feel that the published survey will be sure to provide useful persuasive material for use in other cities. Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM:s
enclosure

April 21, 1961

Mr. Donald E. Eyer, Predident
Kansas City Public Service Company
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Eyer:

We wonder if our recent inquiry, a copy of which is attached, might have failed to come to your attention. We are particularly anxious to obtain your observations on the utilization of Negro drivers in Kansas City, for we feel sure they will be an important contribution to our brief New South study. (A recent issue of New South is also enclosed.)

Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM:s
Enclosures

MEMORANDUM April 21, 1961

To: Members of the Finance Committee
Mr. L. D. Milton
Mr. Joseph F. Haas
Miss Josephine Wilkins

From: Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

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Several actions were taken by the Executive Committee on April 19 that pertain to the Finance Committee.

To simplify the procedure of buying and selling securities the Committee passed the following resolution:

> THAT Lorimer D. Milton, chairman of the Finance Committee or Joseph Haas, legal counsel, be authorized to execute the sale of securities together with the Secretary-Treasurer, of the Council, Mrs. Ruth H. Alexander.

Thus, either Atlanta member of the Finance Committee can now handle this matter rather than having to send documents to Mr. Dabbs for his signature.

The Committee discussed at some length the matter of handling the reserve fund. Its opinion was that the current Finance Committee represented a valuable collection of investment knowledge. While it was left up to the Finance Committee to make a final decision on the matter, the Executive Committee was of the opinion that it was unnecessarily costly and cumbersome to place the reserve fund under outside management in light of the talent on the Finance Committee.

The sale of our securities is proceeding. Attached is a schedule of sales to date. As soon as convenient for you, we need to have a meeting of the Finance Committee to deterine the management policy of the reserve fund. This fund will consist of at least $50,000, including the presently held 400 shares of Dun & Bradstreet.

Merrill Lynch has made suggestions on several growth stocks which they consider desirable for our purposes. These suggestions are enclosed.

We will call you within the next week concerning a possible date for a meeting.

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April 21, 1961

Mr. Dale Carson
Sheriff of Duval County, Florida
224 Courthouse
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mr. Carson:

In response to your request of April 20, enclosed is a copy of "Racial Violence and Law Enforcement."

If additional copies are needed by your office, we would be happy to supply them.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1.

April 21, 1961

Mr. Ellis Marsalis, Sr.
Marsalis Mansion Motel
110 Shrewsbury Road
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Marsalis:

In addition to the individual reservation cards, which you have already received for our interagency meeting May 2 and 3, would you please reserve single rooms for the following people on May 2:

Miss Constance Curry
Mr. Clarence Coleman
The Rev. John Morris
Miss Rosetta Gardner
Miss Jimmie Woodward
Mr. Paul Rilling

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Timothy Miller, secretary to
Paul Rilling

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May 21, 1961

Mr. Ben Muse
Manassas
Virginia

Dear Ben:

Concerning Brewbaker's trip into the Tennessee area in May, we have had some suggestions concerning his itinerary from Kay Jones. She suggests that it would be fruitful for Brewbaker to visit the city superintendent at Murphreesboro, the Montgomery County superintendent at Clarksville, the Sullivan County superintendent at Kingsport, and the Sevier County superintendent at Sevierville. She indicated that she would be happy to talk to Brewbaker about some of these situations if he comes through Nashville. She sends the enclosed clipping concerning Memphis for Brew's information.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm
Enc.

April 21, 1961

Mr. John Hope, II
Department of Race Relations
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

The Georgia Council now has a new broom which is trying hard to sweep away the old cobwebs and rejuvenate the organization. They have scheduled a board training workshop for Friday evening and Saturday morning, May 19 & 20. They are in rather poor shape with a state board heavily overloaded with inactive big names and persons who were active 10 years ago. There are, however, a number of potentially good persons who could become more effectively involved with an active program and an extra effort. Board members of local councils in Atlanta, Macon, Columbus, Augusta, and Savannah will also be invited. There will probably be 25-35 present in all.

Would you be interested in helping us with a workshop? I know that you did a number of these in years past, but before my time. I don't think we could afford to bring many consultants into the city, considering the declining state of our consultant fund. I thought that you might be willing to direct the workshop using talent available locally.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

April 21, 1961

Mr. Benjamin Muse
P. O. Box 312
Manassas, Virginia

Dear Ben:

The orders for Virginia's Massive Resistance are trickling in rather steadily. I think we had better go ahead and order an additional fifty (50) copies. Would you take care of this as we discussed this week? You might ask the publisher to mark the shipment for "special handling."

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Director

PA/mf

April 24, 1961

Mr. Frank Loescher
United States-South Africa Leader
Exchange Program
101 South 39th Street
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

As my last official act, I thank you most warmly for the contribution of $250 to the Southern Regional Council.

I am sure that you will find the staff here eager to render continued assistance to your program, and I hope that sometime soon you will have an opportunity to meet Les Dunbar.

Needless to say, I expect to be in close touch with you in my new work.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2.
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Official receipt and description of Potomac Institute

April 24, 1961

Dr. Harry V. Richardson
President
Interdenominational Theological Center
671 Beckwith Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Richardson:

As one of my final acts here, this is to extend to you my hearty congratulations and best wishes on your inauguration as President of the Interdenominational Theological Center.

It is a matter of great regret to me that the dates of the Inauguration will find me in Washington, starting my new duties. But I look forward to continuing a close association with you in my new work.

May the Center flourish under your fine leadership, for which all of us are deeply grateful.

Cordially yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.
Description of Potomac Institute

April 24, 1961

Miss Eleanor French
Director, Christian Social Relations
United Church Women
National Council of Churches
475 Riverside Drive
New York, New York

Dear Miss French:

Although I am slow in acknowledging it, I was happy to have your last progress report on the race relations project. I have not heard from Mr. Hahn about it, but I shall be ready to do what I can to further support of the project as opportunity arises.

This is my last day with the Southern Regional Council. I am enclosing a brief description of my new undertaking in Washington. Do let's keep in touch.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.
Description of Potomac Institute

April 24, 1961

Mr. Ralph Creger
14 Rosemont Drive
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Creger:

This is by way of acknowledgement of your letter of April 18th to Mr. Fleming, who is no longer on the staff of the Southern Regional Council. As you will see from the enclosed news release, Mr. Fleming has become Executive Vice President of a new agency in Washington, D. C. -- The Potomac Institute. I'm sure you will be hearing from him in due course.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary

MF
Enclosure - 1.

April 24, 1961

Mr. George McMillan
Box 299
Aiken, S.C.

Dear Mr. McMillan:

Les Dunbar asked me to send you the enclosed data from the 1959-60 University of Georgia Pandora. First names were not available for KA members (except for number 65, my half-brother - who, incidentally, told me on the one occasion I talked with him during the crisis that although there was strong opinion within KA supporting closing the University, an element equally as strong - and loud, judging from background noise during our telephone conversation - opposed the segregationist group. However, this was Monday night - the night of the Governor's midnight speech - and I have no information about KA's subsequent role.).

Note that the third person on whom you wanted background information was not listed in the Pandora Student Index. Possibly he's a Freshman this year. A complete list of Demosthenian members was not available - only those members who were in a group picture were named.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM:s
enclosures

April 24, 1961

Hopkins Charitable Fund
1920 Garden Street
Santa Barbara, California

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge receipt of the $2,500.00 check from the Crocker-Anglo National Bank on April 21, 1961, representing a grant from the Hopkins Charitable Fund.

On behalf of the Southern Regional Council, I would like to say that we are indeed grateful to the Trustees of the Fund for this fine expression of support and interest in the work of the Council.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth House Alexander
Secretary-Treasurer

RHA/hs

April 24, 1961

Mr. John Hope
Department of Race Relations
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Hope:

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If adequate answers can be obtained, we feel that the published survey will be sure to provide useful persuasive material for use in other cities. Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM:s
enclosure

via air mail April 25, 1961

Mr. Benjamin Muse
P. O. Box 312
Manassas, Virginia

Dear Ben:

Harold received the enclosed invitation to speak to the Lions Club of Cartersville, Georgia. We are of the opinion that someone from the staff should accept this and that you are the person.

While it is not of sufficient importance to justify a special trip, is it possible that your schedule will have you in the Atlanta-Cartersville area on June 13th or on any Tuesday thereafter?

We will not answer Mr. Henson's letter until we hear from you. Therefore, hope we can get a quick reply.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Director

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1.

April 25, 1961

Mr. John Hoyt Blalock
Box 4796
University, Alabama

Dear Mr. Blalock:

You will find enclosed such information as we have in our files on your topic of inquiry. At present, we know of no fuller published material regarding the Negro voter in the 1960 presidential election, nor do we know of persons working in this area.

I am sorry we do not have more data which would be of interest to you.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM:s

Enc: Latest registration figures
"Negro Vote Held Vital to Kennedy" NY Times, 11/27/60

April 25, 1961

Mr. Albert Vorspan
Director
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
New York 21, New York

Dear Mr. Vorspan:

So many good people have, as you did, written to me since word of my new appointment spread that I must make my thanks brief. They are nevertheless just as warm. I am deeply gratified to have your expression of good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

April 25, 1961

Dr. A. Dudley Ward
Board of Christian Social Concerns
The Methodist Church
740 Rush Street
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Dr. Ward:

So many good people have, as you did, written to me since word of my new appointment spread that I must make my thanks brief. They are nevertheless just as warm. I am deeply gratified forhave your expression of good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

April 25, 1961

Mr. Malcolm P. Calhoun
Board of Christian Education
Presbyterian Church in the U. S.
Presbyterian Building
8 North 6th Street
Richmond 9, Virginia

Dear Mr. Calhoun:

So many good people have, as you did, written to me since word of my new appointment spread that I must make my thanks brief. They are nevertheless just as warm. I am deeply gratified to have your expression of good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

April 25, 1961

Miss Florence C. Harris, Correlator
Southern Regional
National Board - Y.W.C.A.
41 Exchange Place, S. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Harris:

So many good people have, as you did, written to me since word of my new appointment spread that I must make my thanks brief. They are nevertheless just as warm. I am deeply gratified to have your expression of good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

April 25, 1961

Mr. Robert C. Kohler
Director
Anti-Defamation League
216 North 2nd Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Mr. Kohler:

So many good people have, as you did, written to me since word of my new appointment spread that I must make my thanks brief. They are nevertheless just as warm. I am deeply gratified to have your expression of good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

April 25, 1961

Mr. Marshall Bragdon
Executive Director
The Mayor's Friendly Relations Committee
105 City Hall
Cincinnati 2, Ohio

Dear Mr. Bragdon:

So many good people have, as you did, written to me since word of my new appointment spread that I must make my thanks brief. They are nevertheless just as warm. I am deeply gratified to have your expression of good wishes.

Sincerely,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

April 25, 1961

Reverend Caxton Doggett
Winter Park Methodist Church
P. O. Box 825
Winter Park Florida

Dear Mr. Doggett:

So many good people have, as you did, written to me since word of my new appointment spread that I must make my thanks brief. They are nevertheless just as warm. I am deeply gratified to have your expression of good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

April 25, 1961

Dr. Luther H. Foster
President
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee, Alabama

Dear Dr. Foster:

So many good people have, as you did, written to me since word of my new appointment spread that I must make my thanks brief. They are nevertheless just as warm. I am deeply gratified to have your expression of good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

April 25, 1961

Mr. Irwin Schulman
Anti-Defamation League
535 Gravier Street, Suite 806
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Irv:

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Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

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April 25, 1961

Reverend W. Carroll Broke
P. O. Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brooke:

So many good people have, as you did, written to me since word of my new appointment spread that I must make my thanks brief. They are nevertheless just as warm. I am deeply gratified to have your expression of good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

April 25, 1961

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

So many good people have, as you did, written to me since word of my new appointment spread that I must make my thanks brief. They are nevertheless just as warm. I am deeply gratified to have your expression of good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

April 25, 1961

Dr. Bell I. Wiley
Department of History
Emory University
Atlanta 22, Georgia

Dear Bell:

So many good people have, as you did, written to me since word of my new appointment spread that I must make my thanks brief. They are nevertheless just as warm. I am deeply gratified to have your expression of good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

April 25, 1961

Mr. William K. Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
4241 S. W. 109th Court
Miami 55, Flotida

Dear Bill:

So many good people have, as you did, written to me since word of my new appointment spread that I must make my thanks brief. They are nevertheless just as warm. I am deeply gratified to have your expression of good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

April 25, 1961

Mrs. E. Pliny Shaw
3605 Fannin Street
Houston 4, Texas

Dear Mrs. Shaw:

So many good people have, as you did, written to me since word of my new appointment spread that I must make my thanks brief. They are nevertheless just as warm. I am deeply gratified to have your expression of good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

April 25, 1961

Dr. Raymond M. Wheeler
Charlotte Medical Clenic
1012 Kings Drive
Charlotte 7, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Wheeler!

So many good people have, as you did, written to me since word of my new appointment spread that I must make my thanks brief. They are nevertheless just as warm. I am deeply gratified to have your expression of good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

April 25, 1961

Dr. Lynwood M. Holland
Department of Political Science
Emory University
Atlanta 22, Georgia

Dear Lyn ~~Dr. Holland:~~

So many good people have, as you did, written to me since word of my new appointment spread that I must make my thanks brief. They are nevertheless just as warm. I am deeply gratified to have your expression of good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

April 25, 1961

Mr. James Stokely
405 Clifton Heights
Newport, Tennessee

Dear Jim:

Many thanks for your letter of April 17. The good wishes of you and Wilma are especially gratifying. I hope, too, that you will continue to call upon the staff for whatever assistance we can give in your writing.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

April 25, 1961

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

Thank you for having sent to us a copy of your annual report which I have read with real interest. Even one who has, as I do, a sincere admiration for Atlanta University cannot help but appreciate more deeply what the University means to education in this country after reading your report.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

April 25, 1961

Professor Mario Einaudi
Department of Government
Cornell University
Ithaca, New York

Dear Professor Einaudi:

I was glad as always to hear from you. It was very kind of you to wire congratulations. The South right now is an interesting place to be and the Council is an interesting spot in which to work.

I recently was asked to do an article for Il Ponte to which possibly you subscribe. I hope it comes out fairly well in translation though I will not be able to judge.

Before inauguration, we did an analysis of executive powers that could be used to strengthen civil rights and submitted it to the new Administration, later releasing it to the press. Perhaps you would like to look over it sometime; I am enclosing a copy.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf
Enclosure - 1.

April 25, 1961

Mr. Reed Sarratt
Executive Director
Southern Education Reporting Service
1109 Nineteenth Avenue, South
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Reed:

Thank you for your letters of April 5 and 18. I am sorry that our conversation could not have been longer when you were recently here. All the while you were talking I knew that we should at some time reverse field and get from you some observations and criticisms of our work, particularly our publications. Maybe I will come to Nashville some day and seek them out.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

April 25, 1961

Mr. John P. Reeder, Jr.
125 N. Spring Street
Concord, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Reeder:

I spoke to the Rev. John Morris of the Episcopal Society for Racial and Cultural Unity but he apparently has no opening at this time. I shall certainly keep your name in mind and if I hear of anything I will let you know. In the meantime, it might be worth a four-cent stamp to write Mr. John Lassoe, Executive Director of the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials, Room 209, 426 West 58th Street, New York 19, New York

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

April 25, 1961

Mr. Jesse O. Thomas
Chairman
Georgia Conference on Educational
Opportunities
P. O. Box 4844
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear J.O.:

After several weeks of fruitless searching, I am beginning to think you may have something when you commented in your letter of April 11 about the difficulties I would face in recruiting a new research director. Despite your suggestion, I don't want to be two-in-one.

Many thanks for your letter.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

April 25, 1961

Mr. Richard Eckaus
Department of Economics
Brandeis University
Waltham 54, Massachusetts

Dear Dick:

Many thanks for your letter of April 10. I have for a long time been meaning to make a report back to you regarding the correspondence we had two years ago and the work you did for us then. The difficulty is that we have begun to think big and the whole idea is now engulfed in the ratiocination of one of the foundations. Sometime I will give you a full report.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

April 25, 1961

Mr. Sylvan Meyer
Editor
The Daily Times
Gainesville, Georgia

Dear Sylvan:

Many thanks for your letter of April 10 and warmest congratulations to you for receiving the Sidney Hillman Award for editorial writing. It could not have been a better choice.

Look us up whenever you come to Atlanta.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

April 25, 1961

Professor Joe Tanenhaus
School of Arts and Sciences
New York University
Washington Square
New York 3, New York

Dear Joe:

Many thanks for your letter of April 6. This is sort of a satisfying place to be.

Thank you, too, for your remarks about my Earlham address. You are one of the people whose opinions I always value.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

April 25, 1961

Professor Roy Pierce
Department of Political Science
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Roy:

Very soon I'll write a more decent letter. In the meantime, thank you for your telegram. I think you know how much I value it.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

April 25, 1961

Mr. John V. P. Lassoe
N. A. I. R. O.
Room 209, 426 West 58th Street
New York 19, New York

Dear John:

Many thanks for your letter of April 2,,both for the good wishes and the suggestions of possibilities for our research position. The job is still open and we are still looking.

I am sorry you didn't make Atlanta this month but we will be glad to see you later. I think I need to learn a great deal more than I know about N.A.I.R.O. and to get acquainted better with my co-workers in other agencies.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

April 25, 1961

Miss Susan McKee
5502 Kentucky Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Susan:

You are one of the several former students who saw the news story regarding my appointment at the Council and have written to me. I think these letters are the best.

I trust everything goes well with you and that I shall hear from you again from time to time.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

April 25, 1961

Mr. J. J. Brewbaker
545 Mayflower Road
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Brew:

Many thanks for your letter of April 1. One of the bright spots in the Council's picture is that we have you doing your excellent job which I more and more appreciate.

Best wishes and hope to see you soon.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

P. S. -- Incidentally, I will be in Norfolk to make a speech on May 12. Perhaps we can get together briefly. Tom Young is the person I am working for on the occasion.

LWD

April 25, 1961

Dr. Clifton O. Dummett
Chief, Dental Service
Veterans Administration Hospital
Tuskegee, Alabama

Dear Dr. Dummett:

I enjoyed my visit to Tuskegee yesterday and my opportunity to speak before the John A. Andrew Clinical Society meeting. I hope you will look us up whenever you are in Atlanta.

I came over in a Hertz car and the rental charge was $31.37.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

April 25, 1961

Miss Fran Hall
3045 N Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Hall:

You are one of the several former students who saw the news story regarding my appointment at the Council and have written to me. I think these letters are best.

I trust everything goes well with you and that I shall hear from you again from time to time.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

April 25, 1961

Mr. Walter B. Lewis
Community Services Director
Washington Urban League, Inc.
636 - 3rd Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Thank you for your letter of April 20. It came after Mr. Fleming had severed official connection with the Council to take up his new duties there in Washington. However, I am glad to send you a copy of the Council's report The Federal Executive and Civil Rights. I feel sure that Mr. Fleming had this among the many things he had intended to do, but the pressures of his work and travel schedules caused this lapse. I can assure you that this was not intentional.

I noted in your letter that you are apartment hunting for me. For this I am most appreciative. As soon as something turns up I plan to come to Washington at which time I very much hope to meet you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary

MF

April 25, 1961

Henry Bramwell
90 Utica Avenue
Brooklyn 13, New York

Dear Mr. Bramwell:

We have received and read with much interest your open letter of April 24 to the Attorney-General. The recommendations you make have my full endorsement.

I am enclosing a copy of our recent analysis of executive powers; I believe you will find pages 12-15 of special interest.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

Enclosure
LWD/jf

Reading file

April 25, 1961

American Economic Association
Northwestern University
Evanston, Illinois

ATTN: Mr. James W. Bell, Secretary-Treasurer

Dear Mr. Bell:

We would appreciate your forwarding us the mailing address of your Southern region-wide affiliate or associate organization. A current listing of its officers would also be of use, if it is easily available.

Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM:s

April 25, 1961

Economic History Association
90 Trinity Place
New York 6, New York

Gentlemen:

We would appreciate your forwarding us the mailing address of your Southern region-wide affiliate or associate organization. A current listing of its officers would also be of use, if it is easily available.

Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM:s

April 25, 1961

College English Association
South College
University of Massachusetts
Amherst, Massachusetts

ATTN: Mr. Maxwell H. Goldberg, Executive Director

Dear Mr. Goldberg:

We would appreciate your forwarding us the mailing address of your Southern region-wide affiliate or associate organization. A current listing of its officers would also be of use, if it is easily available.

Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM:s

April 25, 1961

National Council of Teachers of English
704 South 6th Street
Champaign, Illinois

Gentlemen:

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Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM:s

April 25, 1961

American Association of Teachers of German
Department of Germanic Languages
Syracuse University
Syracuse 10, New York
ATTN: Mr. Herbert H. J. Peisel, Business Manager

Dear Mr. Peisel:

We would appreciate your forwarding us the mailing address of your ~~x~~ southern region-wide affiliate or associate organization. A current listing of its officers would also be of use, if it is easily available.

Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM:s

April 25, 1961

American Home Economics Association
1600 - 20th Street, N.W.
Washington 9, D.C.

Gentlemen:

We would appreciate your forwarding us the mailing address of your Southern region-wide affiliate or associate organization. A current listing of its officers would also be of use, if it is easily available.

Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM:s

April 25, 1961

American Association of Teachers of Italian
Roosevelt University
Chicago 5, Illinois

Norma V. Fornacia~~t~~ri, Secretary-Treasurer

Dear Miss Fornaciari:

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Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM:s

April 25, 1961

National Association of Journalism Directors
18 Journalism Building
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota
ATTN: Mr. Carl Towley, Executive Secretary

Dear Mr. Towley:

We would appreciate your forwarding us the mailing address of your Southern region-wide affiliate or associate organization. A current listing of its officers would also be of use, if it is easily available.

Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM:s

Reading file -

April 25, 1961

American Association of Physics Teachers
c/o Frank Verbrugge, School of Physics
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis 14, Minnesota

Gentlemen:

We would appreciate your forwarding us the mailing address of your Southern region-wide affiliate or associate organization. A current listing of its officers would also be of use, if it is easily available.

Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM:s

April 25, 1961

National Science Teachers Association
1201 - 16th Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

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Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM:s

April 25, 1961

College Physical Education Association
Box 793
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Gentlemen:

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Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM:s

April 25, 1961

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics
1201 - 16th Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen;

We would appreciate your forwarding us the mailing address of your Southern region-wide affiliate or associate organization. A current listing of its officers would also be of use, if it is easily available.

Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM;s

Same ltr. to Dr. H. Franklin Williams
Univ. of Miami

April 25, 1961

Dr. Harry V. Richardson
President
Interdenominational Theological Center
671 Beckwith Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Richardson:

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee it was voted to ask you to serve on the Nominating Committee for 1961. This Committee is charged with bringing in nominations for officers and Board vacancies at the next annual meeting. The staff solicits suggestions from all Members and has a list of possible candidates for the Committee, which will meet one time in the fall.

The second person named by the Executive Committee was Dr. H. Franklin Williams; the members appointed at the Annual Meeting, all of whom have agreed to serve, were Mr. Thomas W. Young, Dr. Stephen J. Wright and Dr. Raymond M. Wheeler.

The Nominating Committee of the Council always has a particularly valuable service to perform, and I hope you will write that we can count on your service.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

Separate mailing: School Desegregation, First Six Years
Student Protest Movement, Winter 1960
Report on School Desegregation, 1960-61
New South, April/1961

April 26, 1961

Miss Carol Hobson
37 Walnut Street
Greenfield, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Hobson:

Dr. Guy Johnson has requested that we send you a copy of the publication America's Tenth Man. Regretably, we no longer have copies of this publication for distribution. However, under separate cover, we are sending you several recent SRC reports which may be of some interest.

Please call on us if we can be of further help.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
cc: Dr. Guy B. Johnson

April 26, 1961

Mr. George W. Healy, Jr.
Editor
The Times-Picayune
Lafayette Square
New Orleans 40, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Healy:

The clarification concerning the article on New Orleans will appear in the May issue of NEW SOUTH.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

April 26, 1961

Miss Lenore Macomber
9 Willow Street, Apt. 32
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Macomber:

Enclosed is the requested copy of Racial Violence and Law Enforcement. We do not maintain a general mailing list since it would be prohibitively costly to have a general mailing of all the publications and reports which we produce.

However, our monthly magazine New South carries announcements of most of our major reports and single copies are usually free on request. A copy of New South is also enclosed and we would be pleased to have you become a subscriber.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures - 3.
- Racial Violence and Law Enforcement
- April New South
- Publications List

April 26, 1961

Miss Helen W. Hannah, Counselor
Fort Worth Public Schools
I. M. Terrell Junior-Senior High School
1411 East 18th Street
Fort Worth 3, Texas

Dear Miss Hannah:

Enclosed is the requested report on "Desegregation in Higher Education."

Please call on us if we can be of additional help to you.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1.

April 26, 1961

Mr. Alvord M. Beardslee
Hollins College
Roanoke, Virginia

Dear Mr. Beardslee:

Enclosed is the requested copy of Racial Violence and Law Enforcement. There is no charge.

Please call on us at any time.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1.

Separate mailing: Report on School Desegregation, 1960-61
School Desegregation, First Six Years

April 26, 1961

Mr. Jimmy Geiger
D-7, Rice Terrace
Bristol, Virginia

Dear Mr. Geiger:

Under separate cover, we are sending to you some materials which we hope will be of help.

If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

April 26, 1961

Miss Josephine Wilkins
c/o Warm Mineral Springs Inn
Route 1
Venice, Florida

Dear Josephine:

At its meeting last Wednesday, the Executive Committee requested me to convey to you its good wishes for a continued recovery, and its appreciation of your attendance at the special meeting in March despite all your difficulties. This I am glad to do, and to add my personal best regards.

Harold is gone. He still has some things to clear out, but that is all. I feel a great vacuum around here, and suspect that I shall for some time to come. Our recruiting of new research and information people has not yet been fruitful, but there are promising leads.

I hope that we shall see you soon. Paul Anthony reports that you may come up for Harold's farewell dinner. Nothing would delight him or the rest of us more.

Cordially yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

April 26, 1961

Dr. C. Eric Lincoln
Clark College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Eric:

It was, for me, a pleasant coincidence to see on the same page of last Sunday's Times reviews of the book by Ben Muse, who is a member of our staff, and your book. You both deserve the sincerest congratulations.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

April 26, 1961

Dr. F. D. Patterson
President
Phelps-Stokes Fund
297 Park Avenue, South
New York 10, New York

Dear Dr. Patterson:

I look forward to attending the Capahosic Conference in June. It ought to be an especially valuable meeting for me at the beginning of my new assignment. Thank you for inviting me.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

Separate mailing: Special Report on Sit-ins
Settling-a-Sitin
Morland Report on sit-ins
An Appeal for Human Rights
Clarence Patrick Piece

April 26, 1961

Miss Anne Martin
Abbey Hall
Mt. Holyoke College
South Hadley, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Martin:

Under separate cover we are sending you some of our materials on the sit-in movement in the South. If we can be of additional help, please call on us.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

April 26, 1961

Miss Diane Davis
712 West Laurel
Ft. Collins, Colorado

Dear Miss Davis:

Under separate cover we are sending you materials which I trust will be of help to your class in Racial Minorities.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

April 26, 1961

Miss Brenda Adams
Griffith School
1385 West Clemmonsville Road
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Miss Adams:

Under separate cover we are sending you materials which I hope will be of help to your class.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

April 26, 1961

Miss Ruth Fegley
Executive Director
Baltimore Fellowship, Inc.
3200 N. Hilton Street
Baltimore 16, Maryland

Dear Miss Segley:

We are pleased to send you, under separate cover, a collection of materials for your Information Center. You are bbing placed on our mailing list to receive our monthly magazine, New South, which carries announcements of most of our major reports and publications. Most of these will be available, in single copies, without cost to your Information Center.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

April 26, 1961

Mr. Robert J. Aertker
Assistant Superintendent
East Baton Rouge Parish School Board
P. O. Box 2950
Baton Rouge 2, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Aertker:

The enclosed is the requested copy of our special report "Sanctuaries for Tradition: Virginia's New Private Schools," by Mary Ellen Goodman. Also enclosed is a listing of our current materials which are now available. We would be pleased to send any of these to you, single copies without cost, if you have need of them.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures - 2.

April 26, 1961

Mr. Hans Spiegel
Director
Community Tensions Center
Springfield College
Springfield 9, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Spiegel:

I am sure Harold will be pleased to get your letter of April 24, which I am passing along to him. He has now begun his new duties in Washington.

As you requested, I am sending you the Mary Ellen Goodman report on Virginia and am adding your name to our mailing list to receive SRC publications as they are released.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary

MF
Enclosure - 1.

April 26, 1961

Miss LaVonna Hide
318 N. 17th Street
Manhattan, Kansas

Dear Miss Hide:

Under separate cover we are sending you several publications which should answer your inquiry of April 20.

If we can be of additional help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures: January 1961/NEW SOUTH
Racial Violence and Law Enforcement
Congressional Record Reprint
Student Protest Movement, Winter 1960

April 26, 1961

Miss Blanche Seale Hunt
Koko Knoll
Fallis, Oklahoma

Dear Miss Hunt:

The Council is not the publisher of In Healthy Roots which you ordered in your card of April 21.

Enclosed is the April issue of our monthly magazine, and a list of publications which we do have available. We will be pleased to provide you with any of these in which you may be interested.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures - 2.
April New South
SRC Publications List

April 26, 1961

Miss Geraldine Massmann
Y. C. W. St. Pius Section (S.F.)
1045 Santa Cruz Avenue
Menlo Park, California

Dear Miss Massmann:

Under separate cover we are sending you several SRC publications which may be interest. Regretably, we do not have any recent information on discrimination in employment.

If we can be of further help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures: School Desegregation, 1960-61
Student Protest Movement, Winter 1960
Racial Violence and Law Enforcement
School Desegregation, First Six Years

April 27, 1961

Mr. Wilfred Myll
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
330 N. Hubbards Lane
Louisville 7, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Myll:

We are mailing today the requested 100 copies of "This I Believe." Our invoice is enclosed.

Please call on us at any time that we might be of help.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

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April 27, 1961

Mr. Paul Mersereau
Theta Delta Chi
Williamstown, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Mersereau:

Under separate cover we are sending you several pieces of material which may be of interest.

Unfortunately, we do not have studies of pupil placement laws that are comparable to our materials on the student protest movement.

If we can be of additional help, please call on us.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

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April 27, 1961

Mr. Robert P. Wyatt
352 Averett Place
Danville, Virginia

Dear Mr. Wyatt:

In Mrs. Albright's absence, we are handling the matters in your letter of the 26th.

Thank you for your check for $5.00. Your subscription to New South will begin with the next issue. The materials which you requested are being sent under separate cover.

Please feel free to call on us at any time that we might be of help.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

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April 27, 1961

Miss Elizabeth Archer Dodson
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Dodson:

Under separate cover we are sending you several pieces of information on Negro registration and voting.

If we can be of additional help, please call on us.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

April 27, 1961

The Rev. Colbert Cartwright
4724 Hill crest
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Bert:

I think you know that we are looking for a courageous and competent man to carry on Bob Hughes' work in the Alabama Council. The Council there is strongly based in religious work of an interfaith nature and the group would be happy to have another minister of Bob's caliber, although they would, of course, consider persons from other backgrounds.

Personally, I think that you ought to seriously consider taking on this job for several years. I feel this both because of your obvious ability and experience in this field and because I feel that a minister who undertakes such work for a time returns to the parish ministry with new insights and skills. Of course, this would perhaps not be true in yourcase, since you have in fact been doing this sort of thing in Little Rock for some years.

If by any chance you would not like to apply for the job, do you have other thoughts?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

April 27, 1961

Mr. Norman Williams
5 River Street
Woodstock, Vermont

Dear Mr. Williams;

I understand from Mr. Harry Boyte that you are interested in considering full time work in the general area of human relations in the South. Harry speaks highly of you and we are always on the lookout for recruits in this important but not too popular field of activities.

If you feel that you might like to consider this kind of work in the near future, I would appreciate it if you would send me some biographical information and we can talk further about it during the next few months.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

April 27, 1961

Mr. John Lassoe
NAIRO
Room 209, 426 West 58th Street
New York 19, New York

Dear John;

We willlbe happy to have you here the 15th and 16th. The local interagency people will have their regular monthly meeting at lunch on the 15th, with you as the special featured out of town expert and guest orator. This is the third meeting of this group, which I hope after a discreet period to turn into the Atlanta chapter of NAIRO. Specifically, more than half of the group are currently members of NAIRO. The group includes representatives from the Georgia Council on Human Relations, NAACP, YW & YM, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Urban League, AJC, ADL, etc.

Let me know what else you need by way of arrangements, what size red carpet, etc.

I hope you will take official notice that we are seeking a director for the Alabama Council on Human Relations to replace Bob Hughes. There are no barriers of race or sex, but they would prefer someone with some Southern background or exposure. Starting salary is from $5,500 - $6,500, depending on experience and qualifications. Interested persons should write to me at SRC.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

April 27, 1961

Mr. Dan Dodson
Center for Human Relations Studies
New York University
Washington Square
New York 3, New York

Dear Dan:

I think it is time that you begin to feed some of your able young graduates in human relations into this work in the South instead of filling up the already overflowing staffs of Northern state and municipal agencies.

Specifically, we have currently an opening as executive director of the Alabama Council on Human Relations, one of the state groups with which we cooperate. I think you are quite familiar with the kind of educational and communications work that would be involved, and the nature of the pressures that exist in Alabama today. If you know of anyone who might be interested in such a situation, I hope you will have him write to me. We would, of course, prefer someonw with a Southern background or some significant Southern exposure. The starting salary is from $5,500 - $6,500, depending on experience and qualifications.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

April 27, 1961

Mr. Tom Hammond
Department of History
University of Virginia
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Tom;

We are looking for an executive director for the Alabama Council on Human Relations. We need someone with varied skills and abilities to function under strongly adverse pressures. Any ideas?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

April 27, 1961

Mrs. Stanley Ish
1483 South Parkway East
Memphis 6, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Ish:

Harold Fleming, who left his position as director of SRC on April 21, asked me to reply to your letter of April 19.

The program that you are planning sounds like a vital and important one. I believe that as the field representative for the Council, I would be the most logical person on our staff to fill your program request and I can, so far as I now know, be with you on September 25, if this will be satisfactory.

We receive many requests of this kind throughout the South, and I am sure you will understand that our travel budget is limited. Wherever possible, therefore, we ask the sponsoring group to reimburse travel expenses, except where state and local councils on human relations are involved. We do service these groups out of our own travel funds.

If the YWCA would have difficulty in meeting my travel costs, perhaps we could arrange a consultation around this date for me with the board or membership of the Memphis Council on Human Relations. If this were possible, it would justify, I believe, my coming on my own budget for these two events.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

April 27, 1961

The Rev. Dan Bowers
3-B Broad-Grace Arcade Building
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Dan:

I noticed the very interesting editorial in the *Times-Dispatch* on April 25. I am sure that you noticed it. My obvious thought is that the Virginia Council or some group should consider making a careful analysis of this data, drawing more constructive and useful conclusions than those drawn by the paper.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

April 27, 1961

Miss Ella Baker
National Student YWCA Staff
Suite 301, 41 Exchange Place, S. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Ella;

My expenses for the Greensboro meeting were as follows;

Air Travel	$52.36
Hotel	7.00
Food	2.50
Limousine	3.50
	$65.36

Please make check paybble to SRC.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

April 27, 1961

Mr. Nat Griswold
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

Thank you for your recent quarterly report which we found particularly helpful here, and also for your excellent analysis of the new situation in Little Rock.

I was interested in your indications of retreat by the Ministers Association and by one of the more liberal churches. Do you think this is a general situation in Little Rock?

How effective is the Arkansas Christian movement? How much overlap in leadership is there between this group and the ACHR? I have noticed that these state and local groups affiliated with Martin King's SCLC seem to vary widely in nature and effectiveness.

I hope your plans are working out well for the NAIRO meeting. I think using William Nichols as the economics speaker is an excellent idea. I am ashamed that I did not recommend him to you at an earlier time.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

April 27, 1961

Mrs. Betty Wisdom
413 Hillary Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Betty:

I hope to be seeing you Monday, but will drop you a letter now because I tend to forget a number of points you raise in correspondence when we start talking about SOS etc. I will be coming in late Sunday and staying at the Prince Conti Sunday and Monday nights before moving out to another place for my meeting Tuesday and Wednesday.

Since you already have prepared material on Kohlberg, we would like to have a copy.

I sympathize with your concern about the Tulane mess, but doubt very much seriously if you will be able to find any alternative to a suit by potential applicants. This is so obviously the easiest way out for the Tulane board members.

You are right, I have put you down for an Hysteric in consideration of your extreme view of the Birch Society, Goldwater, et. al. I agree that we must take these extreme right wing developments seriously, but I also think that the Birch Society has practically nothing to show to indicate any strength or effectiveness and that it is riding high primarily on sensational publicity. I suspect it has been greatly over-rated both by itself and by its enemies. I see few signs that the group does in fact aim at the overthrow of our system of government. You and I may know that they cannot achieve their goals through the ballot and other normal means. I think they do not know this.

Your lack of additional information on Monitor South is good news and indicates that this effort is not getting off the ground.

I see that your school board is taking the most negative possible interpretation of Wright's court order and does not plan to open the second grade next year. I cannot understand your board disagreeing with the idea of SOS serving as liaison between the school board and the Negroes. Tt certainly would seem to me that efforts to establish better communication between the two in order to avoid disruption and litigation are well within the purpose of SOS.

We will discuss the possibility of my coming back some time during the fiscal session when I see you Monday.

We do not want the names of contacts in East Carroll right now. If the people planning the survey definitely decide to include East Carroll, we will check back with you. Do send on the full story of the financial chicanery of the Mississippi State Sovereignty Commission.

Thank you for helping Mr. Eagle. He spoke warmly of you and others who talked to him. To the best of my knowledge, his purpose was simply to gain for himself first-hand impressions in several of the more sticky Southern situations.

Venable has, in fact, defended Klansmen here. To the best of my knowledge, he is not motivated by any principle save that of profit.

See you soon.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling

PMR/sm

April 28, 1961

Reverend Cornelius C. Tarplee
P. O. Box 853
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Neil:

Many thanks for your letter of April 25. You are one of the peeple who I have learned to be glad is here. I am genuinely pleased to have your good wishes.

The copies of Ben Muse's book have been sent.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,yours,

Lesliw W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

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April 28, 1961

Mr. Whitney Young, Jr.
18 Robinson Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Whitney:

Many thanks for your letter of April 21. This is an interesting organization to be with and I look forward to the opportunities that will come along. I hope you will let me know whenever we can be of usefulness to you or the National Urban League, and I am certain that we shall be calling on you.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

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April 28, 1961

Miss Edith M. Lerrigo
General Secretary
National Board, YWCA
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Lerrigo:

I am most grateful to you and the National Board of the YWCA for your letter of April 24 with its expressionsof good wishes to me. I am equally pleased by your statement in regard to the Southern Regional Council. Many thanks.

I trust that we shall continue to have the priviledge of working with the YWCA in its many fine programs.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

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April 28, 1961

Professor Walter Bennett
Department of Political Science
University of Alabama
University, Alabama

Dear Walter:

Thank you for your letter of April 23. It was very good of you to write. The Council has been an interesting place for me to be, and I expect it shall continue to be so.

Best wishes to you and your family. Hope to see you soon.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

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April 28, 1961

Reverend Edward A. Driscoll
Georgia Council of Churches
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Ed:

I cannot, because of a conflict, come to the dinner on May 16th of the Shands-Rohrer Group. But I do value the invitation to join with this group and I hope you will keep me informed about meetings.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

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April 28, 1961

Mr. Samuel Yett
Director of Information
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee, Alabama

Dear Sam:

I don't believe you did send me a copy of the Lewis Jones study of the Chattanooga schools. Would you please?

Good to see you the other day.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

April 28, 1961

Mr. Benjamin Muse
Box 312
Manassas, Virginia

Dear Ben:

To partially fill in on some of the existing staff vacancies, Les has asked me to be something of a (bootleg) research man. In this regard, the copy of your letter of Appil 25 to Hero, and the Beauregard material have come to my attention. L-Report, or otherwise, what do you want do do with it?

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony,
Executive Assistant

Pa/hs

April 28, 1961

Mr. L. W. Collens
P. O. Box 2510
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Collens:

Under separate cover we are mailing the requested one hundred copies of "This I Believe" by Dr. H. N. Hill. Our invoice is enclosed. Additional copies are available at the same rate of .02 per copy.

If we can be of help, please call on us.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/hs

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April 28, 1961

Mr. Lucius H. Pitts
President
Miles College
Birmingham 8, Alabama

Dear Lucius:

If I can stagger out of bed early enough I will fly with you to Birmingham on May 9.

If you can have one of your secretaries in one of your offices send me a detail or two about the audience I will be addressing, I will appreciate it.

Enclosed are the things you asked for.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf
Enclosures - 2. (Glossy and Biog. Data)

April 28, 1961

Mr. Irving Shulman
Anti-Defamation League
535 Gravier Street
Suite 806
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Irv:

Our hope is that Rosenberg will give a layman's analysis of the legal factors in the New Orleans situation with a particular emphasis on the future implications of court decisions in New Orleans, the involvement of the Department of Justice, etc.. He shouldn't attempt a step by step recital of all legal developments, but rather concentrate on those which set new precedents that will have meaning in future situations.

Actually, of course, anything that he is willing to do will be helpful and appreciated. I do think it would be a waste of his particular expertise for him to discuss the general political and economic aspects.

Thanks a lot for lining him up.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR:mm

April 28, 1961

Mrs. Walter Paschall
1957 Westminister Way, N.E.
Atlanta 9, Georgia

Dear Eliza:

I understand that Harry will shortly be leaving his work at the Atlanta Council. It wasn't clear to me whether he will be gone just for the summer or if this is a permanent resignation. I was sorry to hear the news. I think that Harry has been able to give real vigor to the Council with his handling of the Bar Association, his needling of the Lockheed plant, etc.

I do hope that before any new or interim arrangements are completed the leadership of the Georgia and Atlanta Councils can meet together to review the experience to date and consider future plans. It may be that some changes in the relationship would be helpful. At any rate, I feel that both groups should take this opportunity to explore the situation so that any new arrangments may meet with the satisfaction of all concerned.

Of course I would be pleased to sit in on any such discussions if this would be advisable.

Sincerely,

PR/jf

Paul Rilling
Director of Field Services

Same letter to: Dr. Benjamin E. Mays

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April 28, 1961

Mr. Paul Green
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Green:

I write to ask your participation in a venture by the Council. Sometime ago Mr. Dabbs and I began discussing the desirability of the Council's making some contribution to the public discussion of the Civil War Centennial. Not all of us are happy over the Centennial plans, and many more are unhappy about the way the Centennial is progressing . Nevertheless, we have it with us, now and for the next several years. It was our thought that SRC, as a body of liberal Southerners, ought not let the point of view of the South be expressed solely from the usual quarter, and had a responsibility to make some effort to influence the manner in which the Civil War would now be re-thought and re-discussed. At the same time, we have no wish to argue the War, but rather to use the occasion of the Centennial to raise questions about the present situation and direction of the South.

Bell Wiley joined our discussion, and later
2 the idea even fully discussed with the SRC Executive Committee. The resulting plan is for a symposium,

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to be published as a pamphlet, which will take the form of an exchange of letters between Mr. Dabbs, as President of SRC, and five or six Board members. The Executive Committee discussed and left open the additional possibility that it might preface the letters with a corporate statement.

I am asking you to be one of the persons who contribute. Mr. Marion Wright will be another, and invitations will be going to several others. Mr. Dabbs has already drafted his introductory letter. It is, I think, a beautiful statement, which begins by raising the question of whether the Civil War should be regarded as an epic or a tragic event, indicates his belief that only if we can see it as the latter can we hope to build a true community on a bi-racial foundation, and there invites response. The letter is so constructed that the symposium participants will find plenty of freedom for stating their own interests and concerns. Each reply might run anywhere from 1200 - 2000 words.

I hope you will feel that you can do this. If so, the Dabbs letter will be got to you as soon as it is in final shape. We are aiming toward a publishing date around mid-summer.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

Same letter sent to: Mr. M. A. Wright
Mr. Ben Muse

April 28, 1961

Dr. Bell I. Wiley
Department of History
Emory University
Atlanta 22, Georgia

Dear Bell:

Mr. Dabbs has sent in his letter for the proposed Symposium: copy enclosed. I will be delighted to hear your comments, general and detailed.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf
Enclosure - 1.

May 1, 1961

INTER-OFFICE Memo

TO: BM

FROM: LWD

Please note the enclosed. I replied to Black ~~for~~ that for official use we can make a modest number available free as we have for other cities. I am sending this to you because it reminds me that City Managers are persons whose importance we ought not overlook. I believe the South, as a matter of fact, may have gone in for the city manager idea rather more than most sections of the country. These fellows move about a good bit, and so in the course of a few years might have influence in more than one place. I am not positive of this, but fairly sure that Black, for example. went to Aiken, S. C. as manager just before I moved away from that town. Subsequently, I heard that he had gone to some city in Georgia. Now he's in Florence.

The occasion at the University of Georgia was an annual Municipal Management Institute. In advance we had been asked for a number of copies of the McMillan pamphlet to circulate at the meeting. As you can see from the notice, it was used.

May 1, 1961

Mr. James B. Jalenak
Branford College
Yale University
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Jalenak:

We would indeed be interested in reading the copy or your honors thesis on"Beale Street Politics."

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:a

May 1, 1961

Mr. W. C. Henson
Henson, Greene & Greene
Attorneys at Law
Cartersville, Ga.

Dear Mr. Henson:

We have your letter of April 16 addressed to Harold Fleming. As you may have now heard, Harold has resigned from theCouncil and has taken up a new task in Washington. We would very much like, however, to fill your request for a speaker at the Cartersville Lions Club. With that in mind, I have checked with Col. Benjamin Muse and he has replied that he could be with you either Juen 20 or June 27, as you prefer. I think he would be an ideal speaker.

Col. Muse has been a member of our staff and director of our Leadership Project for about two years. He is a former member of the Virginia legislature and Republican candidate for governor of that state in 1940. He was a member of the Foreign Service for some years and wrote a column on Virginia affairs for the Washington Post. He has recently published a book titled, Virginia's Massive Resistance (see enclosed review from the New York Times).

Please let me know as soon as you can which date you would prefer to have him.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:a
Enclosure: N.Y.Times, BM review

May 1, 1961

Mr. R. Powell Black
City Manager
City of Florence
Florence, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Black:

We are enclosing a copy of Racial Violence and Law Enforcement. The price is .25 each; we have, however, made modest quantities of them available on request at no charge to several municipal governments. I would suppose we could do the same for Florence if you are interested in making official use of it.

Many thanks for the very interesting notes regarding the Athens conference. I was curious as to what would be said there on the subject, and am very glad to have this report.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWDLA

May 1, 1961

Dr. Robert Coles
520 Beacon Street
Boston 15, Mass.

Dear Dr. Coles:

We have read with much interest your letter of April 24, addressed to Harold Fleming; Mr. Fleming has recently resigned from the Council's staff.

Your proposal is an interesting one, and we would like to explore it further. Specifically, what we are not clear about is the use you would make of the interviews. I assume you would hope to publish their write-up in some form, but I wonder if you could let me know a little more of your thinking about this.

I am enclosing a copy of a report done for us some years ago by Kenneth Clark. This is a rather drastic condensation of Clark's original manuscript. You will also be interested in the article by Professor Weinstein in the November, 1960 Southern School News, where he reports on some interviews in Nashville.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:A
Enclosure: Clark, Observations in the Negro Community of Little Rock

May 1, 1961

Mr. Stephen Benedict
330 East 71st Street
New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Benedict:

Thank you for your letter of April 28. I trust entirely in your good judgement and you may commit the article as you think best.

You may possibly be interested in the enclosed piece on the question of civil disobedience. No taint of an under-cover suggestion about publication accompanies this. I am not even sure that I would want it published. I simply would like for you to have it.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive director

LWD:A

May 1, 1961

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
Executive Vice President
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hahn:

We acknowledge receipt of the Field Foundation's check in the amount of $37,500.00, which represents final payment on the three-year award for the period ending December 31, 1962.

I hardly need say that we are keenly grateful to receive the full payment in advance. The Field Foundation is, indeed, an understanding friend.

Within the next few weeks I expect to be in New York, and hope that I may have an opportunity to inform you then of how we have adjusted to Harold's leaving.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Official receipt)

Separate mailing: School Desegregation....
"This I Believe"
If The Schools are Closed

May 1, 1961

Miss Carolyn Peak
735 Barney Avenue
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Miss Peak:

Under separate cover we are sending you some of our materials.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

May 1, 1961

Mr. Frank J. Toland, Head
Department of History
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee, Alabama

Dear Mr. Toland:

We are sending under separate cover the materials requested in your letter of April 25. Your check for $1.40 is quite sufficient to cover the cost.

As a matter of fact, we are frequently able to supply institutions and students our materials at a reduced cost, or without charge. In the future, we would be happy to supply you with any of our materials on request, and send a bill if and when necessary.

Please call on us at any time.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Director

PA/mf

May 1, 1961

Mr. Walter B. Lewis
Community Services Director
Washington Urban League, Inc.
626 - 3rd Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Enclosed are the L-Reports requested in your letter of April 26. Those about which you ask are:

L-1 "The Southern Regional Council - Its Origin and Aims," April 27, 1969

L-2 "Excerpts from Speech of John P. Fishwick, Vice-President, Norfolk and Western Railway, to Rockingham Development Corporation," April 6, 1959

L-3 "How Could Shut Schools Affect State Economy?" May 11, 1969

L-4 "Public Schools and Southern Industrial Progress: Statements from Leaders in Business and Industry," May 18, 1959

L-5 "Public Schools and The Economy of Virginia," June 12, 1959

L-6 "The 'Davis Report' and the Truth About the Public School Situation in Washington, D. C.," July 3, 1959

L-7 "Governor Almond (Virginia) on the Importance of Public Schools," July 24, 1959

L-8 OUT OF PRINT

L-10 "Education and Income," September 15, 1959

L-11 "Little Rock Report....What Has Happened Since the School Crisis?" October 12, 1959

L-12 Deals with state-by-state record of districts which have voluntarily desegregated since 1954 Supreme Court Decision. November 16, 1959

L-13 "Did You Find that There Was Much Difference in the Ability of Negro Children to Receive and Profit by Instruction?", December 15, 1959

L-14 "A Report from Virginia," January 15, 1960

L-17 "Desegregation and Academic Achievement," March 14, 1960

L-18 "Negro Buying Power," June 29, 1960

L-19 "What Price Tag for 'Massive Resistance'? October 14, 1960

L-24 "An Address by Malcolm Bryan, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta," February 16, 1961

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Executive Director

PA/mf

May 1, 1961

Mr. D. A. Taylor
Sales Representative
Eastern Air Lines
522 West Peachtree Street, N. W.
Atlanta 8, Georgia

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Thank you for the North American Air Travel Card for Leslie W. Dunbar. Enclosed is Mr. Dunbar's old card -- as well as that of Harold C. Fleming's, who is no longer with the Council.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures - 2.

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May 1, 1961

Reverend Norman Shands
West End Baptist Church
1040 Gordon Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Norman:

I'm sorry that we were not able to get together Friday. I'll be back in the office Thursday morning and will be at the 2:00 p.m. meeting.

Bishop Claiborne did not think it wise for him to "appoint" an episcopal clergyman to the steering committee of our group. He does support the work of the group, however, and suggests that we approach the following clergy, in this order. We can say that the suggestion came from Bishop Claiborne; Frank Ross, recrot of All Saints; Austin Ford, St. Bartholemew; Hugh Saussy, Jr., Holy Innocents. I did not call any of the above. I thought it would be much better for the initial invitation to come from a clergyman than from me.

It seems to me that the agenda for the Thursday meeting might include consideration of the following concerns:

(1) Do we need to enlarge the total committee to achieve broader representation?

(2) Should we set up a resources sub-committee to prepare materials to assist clergy and lay leadership?

(3) Should we elect additional members to this steering committee? Should Unitarians, other groups be represented here?

(4) Should a mailing to clergy throughout the community be prepared?

(5) Should we begin to plan for the formulation of statements by denominational groups, clergy, lay leadership?

Sincerely,

Paul Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR/mf

May 1, 1961

Dean James W. Fogarty
Fordham University
134 East 39th Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Jim:

I'm awfully glad you read the New York Times. Many thanks for your letter of April 24.

You are right, I shall be in New York now and then and I will take you up on the luncheon.

You say that you would like to go back to the Savannah River area sometime to see how it's progressing now. For your own peace of mind, don't. The only live question over there is whether Strom Thurmond-type people or DuPont-type people will cast the smaller shadow. Big difference! But as a memento of Savannah River I am enclosing a copy of the job I got George McMillan to do for us last fall.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf
Enclosure - 1.

May 1, 1961

Mr. Harold Kilpatrick
Executive Secretary
Texas Council of Churches
504 West Twenty-fourth Street
Austin 5, Texas

Dear Mr. Kilpatrick:

Several of us here have examined carefully the enclosures sent with your letter of April 14. You have done an impressive job, and there is every indication that the study commissions will produce a valuable set of reports.

It is too bad that you have been turned down by the foundations. It looks as though you may, as you put it, have to "proceed in some fashion regardless."

In a modest way, we would like to make it a bit easier for you. Because of what has been accomplished already, and the worth of the study itself - yielding, as it promises, not only information but the self-education of a number of very good people and the prospect for meaningful action after the study itself is completed - we are willing to make a contribution of $1,200; this would represent the amount projected for Joe Elmore's salary this summer. We selected this item from your budget because it is almost the lowest and represents best what we are able to contribute; and because the money would come from our research budget and the director's salary seems the most appropriate in that connection.

If acceptable, we assume that some reasonable number of copies of the reports might be given us for distribution.

There is another matter that you might want to exchange ideas on. Right now we have a special interest in employment issues, and are planning some publications of our own. These probably will include a couple of case studies of southern cities. Would there be any reason to explore the possibility of bringing out your Employment study under a double imprint; i.e., yours and ours? If so, and the material fitted our interests, we might handle and pay for the mimeographing or printing costs.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf
cc: Reverend Joe Elmore

May 1, 1961

Mr. Burke Marshall
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Marshall:

For your information, I am enclosing copies of the application for transfer used in Atlanta and the administrative regulations governing assignment and transfer. As you know, transfer applications will be received only during the period May 1 to May 15. The applications can be picked up only at the Superintendent's office in the City Hall. Receipt must be signed for each one.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:A
Enclosures: verifax copies

May 2, 1961

Mr. Billy J. Williams
Research Assistant
Center for Southern Education Studies
George Peabody College for Teachers
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Williams:

Please send us two copies of Keys to Greatness; our check for $2.00 is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

ENCLOSURE: check $2.00

Enclosures: Action Patterns in School Desegregation
Emotional Aspects of School Desegregation
Desegregation in the Baltimore City Schools
School Desegregation: the First Six Years
Report on School Desegregation for 1960-61
Some General Observations in the Negro Community
of Little Rock, Ken Clark
"The Washington School Story" Hansen
"The Louisville School Story" Carmichael
L-Report #16 "Racial Differences in Academic
Achievement"
L-Report #17 "Desegregation and Academic Achievement"
SRC Policy Statement - Dec. 1959 News Release
Saturday Review, Dec. 17, 1960
Phi Delta Kappan, January 1961, Vol XLII, No. 4

May 2, 1961

Mr. Gilbert R. Gredler
1585 Marlbrook Drive, N. E.
Atlanta 7, Georgia

Dear Mr. Gredler:

Enclosed are some things which may be of interest to you in light of your inquiry about placement procedures. We have some more detailed information which we could make available if you desired it.

There is an interesting article in the November 1960 Southern School News by a psychologist from Vanderbilt based on interviews with the Negro families there.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf
Enclosures

May 3, 1961

Mrs. William Pauley
Georgia Council on Human Relations
41 Exchange Place, S. E.
Atlanta, 3, Georgia

Dear Frances:

You will remember that I mentioned to you and Richard some time ago that Mr. Cowart had indicated a desire to continue to serve the Council in a specific area which he hoped would be assigned to him. Richard tentatively agreed and I thought would mention it at the board meeting,recognizing Mr. Cowart's contributions. He failed to do so.

You will remember that what Mr. Cowart wants to do is be free to convene discussions of concerned men from time to time as distinguished guests may come to town, etc. He wanted a rather free hand in this direction and I see no real harm in it, so long as he agrees to keep your office notified of his activities. I would suggest that you consider naming him as director of forum activities or some such thing on the staff of the Georgia Council. At worst, this seems to me to be harmless. At best, it might result in some useful activity. This would also leave him free to pursue the discussions he has had with one of the local television stations concerning a possible program or two, on public service time. You should probably discuss this with him at any rate.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

May 3, 1961

Mr. John Collins
Student Interracial Ministry Commission
National Student Christian Federation
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Mr. Collins:

The Rev. Will Campbell has suggested that I contact you concerning an opening in one of the state Councils on Human Relations which are associated with the Southern Regional Council.

I understand that you were serving in one of the churches of Talladega, Alabama last summer. You are possibly aware of the work of the Alabama Council on Human Relations, a statewide interracial membership organization which attempts to work for better communication and peaceful social change. Until recently the Council was ably staffed by the Rev. Robert Hughes, a Methodist minister who has served as the director of the Council since 1954. Mr. Hughes is now in training for missionary work in Rhodesia and the state Council is seeking a replacement.

Should you be interested in considering this kind of interracial work in a deep Southern state, I hope you will send me some summary of your biographical data and that you will feel free to ask any questions that may come to your mind.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

MINUTES
SOUTHERN INTER-AGENCY MEETING

Marsalis Mansion Motel, New Orleans, La.
May 2-3, 1961

The Chairman convened the meeting shortly after 2:00 P.M. and members of the group introduced themselves.

The first item on the agenda was a presentation which gave an analysis of the Atlanta school situation and a description of efforts being made to prepare the community. School desegregation will be taking place in Atlanta this fall on the 11th and 12th grade levels and the program is a combination of the grade-a-year plan and the pupil placement plan. Applications for transfer were to be obtained between May 1st and 15th and over 100 students had received applications on the first day. Although the school board really hopes to have as little desegregation as possible, there is a general desire to have peaceful desegregation and a great deal is being done to prepare the community. The school superintendent has taken the initiative to talk to as many groups as possible, there are many individual agency people working, and there is also an Atlanta Inter-agency group attempting to reach every organization, including religious, civic, service and youth groups. The school superintendent has made an effort to work closely with this Inter-agency group.

On the question of organized opposition in Atlanta in the fall, it is generally felt that it will not be as strong as in New Orleans. With groups like the Klan and GUTS (Georgians Unwilling to Surrender), the potential is always there, but at this point, these groups have not really organized. Moreover, the Mayor and other officials have taken a strong position against violence of any sort and the Atlanta police force will undoubtedly be helpful in averting any violence. It is hoped that lunch counters in Atlanta will quietly desegregate during the summer to help relieve tensions this fall.

In a discussion of other school developments, the significance of the court proceedings in Little Rock was pointed out. The court has questioned the application of the pupil-placement laws and has shown how they can be used as evidence of non-compliance with desegregation orders. It was also mentioned that in South Carolina, both Clemson College and Winthrop College had received applications from Negro students, and that in North Carolina, both Duke and Wake Forest are now open at the graduate level. It was reported that the school system in Burnsville, N.C., is functioning well, but that groups there are in need of money for back debts.

There was a brief discussion of the increasing involvement of the Federal Government in New Orleans and in Prince Edward County, Va. This involvement has proved most helpful and has also been shown in the interest in Fayette and Haywood Counties. It was mentioned that the Administration should also be negotiating in places where public relations are not such an important factor.

In the discussion of the current state of the sit-in movement, it was pointed out that the movement had changed a great deal during the year. Although student groups are still working on desegregating various facilities in their local communities, it is unlikely that there will be the dramatic snowballing of effort that occurred during the sit-ins at the lunch counters. The graduation of many student leaders and the relative success that the movement has achieved in desegregating the counters were suggested as some reasons for why the movement has lost much of its impetus. It was reported that the Nashville Student Movement had been successful in desegregating down-town movie theatres and that several other communities, such as Chapel Hill, were still working on this aspect. The move to the theatres had been suggested by the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee as the focus of the movement for 1961.

During the report on Rock Hill, South Carolina, it was pointed out that although the attempt to fill the jails in Rock Hill had failed, the fact that thirteen students remained in jail for 30 days had aroused the Negro community to unite in boycotting efforts and in support of the activities of students at Friendship Junior College.

The group discussed recent events in Mississippi, and suggested a slightly changing trend of opinion in that state. The sit-ins in the public library in Jackson and the actions of the police toward this first attempt at direct action caused reactions among some white citizens. Also, the case of the white student at the University of Mississippi, who is sueing the State Sovereignty Commission for libel, is causing a change of attitude. This change is not directly related to attitudes on the racial question, but at least some people are beginning to question and rebel against the work and tactics of the State Sovereignty Commission and other state officials.

In the Prince Edward County situation, there is evidence of the interest of the Federal Government in school desegregation, since in the formal hearing of the case in Richmond, on May 8th, the Federal Government may enter as a co-plaintiff. The legal issues involved in the hearing will be; must a community provide public education, and are tuition grants a device to prevent desegregation? A narrow victory is expected at the hearing.

It was also reported that events in the Prince Edward community have been somewhat encouraging. The national publicity, the involvement of some college students following up a conference in the community, have caused a more realistic attitude and more willingness in the white community to make changes. The general hope is that the legal decision will come early enough and be comprehensive enough so that there will be no need for placement projects and similar efforts. However, the biggest problem facing the community is that there is no plan, if it is ordered to desegregate and there is no one working on such a plan. Also, teachers are gone, many students are scattered and there is no school board. The Department of Health, Education and Welfare has been asked to help in reconstituting a public education system, but there has been no reply as yet.

The group then discussed the resurgence of rightist activities in the South. It was pointed out that although the Klan sometime seems to be weak because of factionalism and although they don't have public approbation, they remain a threat, because it doesn't take a large or organized group to commit acts of violence. The American Nazi Party has made some attempts to organize in the South, and the John Birch Society has been infiltrating many organizations in the South. Although the Society mainly stresses Anti-Communism, it really attaches itself to and becomes identified with groups like the White Citizens' Councils. It was reported that the wide-spread showing of the film Operation Abolition in Southern universities and communities had caused a revitalization of rightist thinking. Also, the Southern University Student Government Association, an all-white college group, has increased its membership to over 57 campuses, and the Young Americans for Freedom, an extremely conservative national college organization, has made some inroads on Southern campuses.

The group was then presented with an analysis of the New Orleans school situation. The first speaker gave some of the events leading up to school desegregation and pointed out that the situation had really become a fight between the federal judiciary and the state legislature with the school board right in the middle. However, the effects of the involvement of the Justice Department are tremendously important. The Court has invited the Justice Department to enter the case as a co-plaintiff, thus bringing in the help of a U.S. attorney and his staff and the F.B.I.. The state legislature is now arguing against this intervention, in the Supreme Court.

In St. Helena Parish, a statute on the books allows local option on school closing, but it is really not a question of option, since the legislature can cut off funds, whether the people vote to close the schools or not. The NAACP has filed a suit against this statute, and the Justice Department has intervened because of the possibility of violations of the due process clause of the 14th Amendment. The decision in this case will be most important, since a favorable one could mean that depriving education is actually depriving liberty.

In a panel discussion on the New Orleans situation, participants said that education was just one of a large number of human relations problems in the city. Laws have often made communication between the races impossible, responsible people have shown no leadership, there are unreasonable restrictions on voter registration, city officials were not forceful in preventing excessive violence, and the newspapers reflect conservative sentiments.

The group then held a general discussion on trends and possibilities in merit employment, and on what agencies and individuals can do in this area. In an opening presentation, it was pointed out that the Federal Government is very interested in the employment situation and that there was a need for help in assisting federal machinery. This presentation also emphasized the fact that although there have been great increases in the number of Negroes being employed at the low white collar level, there has been little change in the number at the white collar level. The following were suggested as areas in which to work for fair employment:

(1) Where the Federal Government is building new installations--all over the country. Discrimination in government employment is a violation of the 14th Amendment.

(2) Where companies, etc., have government contracts.

(3) At local stores where boycotts may be effective.

(4) In recruitment of labor, where state employment bureaus are financed by the Federal Government. The Bureau of Employment Security will be more sensitive if it is known that discrimination occurs at this very basic level in the state.

It was also suggested that agencies work to get qualified Negro applicants in all of the above areas. They should encourage them to take exams and should then investigate, if there are failures. Also, there is a great need for organizations to encourage Negro schools to set up some counselling and guidance programs.

It was brought out that the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity, established by executive order, is to see that there is no discrimination in firms that have federal government contracts or sub-contracts, or in any federal operation. These policies are to be carried out by the Vice-President, as head of the committee, which includes also the Secretary of Labor, other Cabinet members and public members. The old order on fair employment was based mainly on complaints, which was very time consuming, but this new order requires periodic compliance reports, and on June 6th all government agencies must file a report on employment practices and minority groups. These reports will be sworn statements which will mean the committee will be able to go into files.

The group then discussed whether the Southern Inter-Agency Conference should try to start a repository to gather and analyze information on the employment situation. It was the consensus of the group that a service of this type would indeed be helpful, and one suggestion was that a list of contractors with the Federal Government in certain areas be compiled. It was also suggested that each agency should discuss what they can do in the field of merit employment and that they notify the repository service so that each agency could know what others are doing. Several of the agencies said they would be able to help out financially for the services described above.

An announcement was made concerning the forthcoming visit of the Research Information Committee of the International Student Conference. The team, composed of three international students, will be coming for a two-week tour to study segregation in the South, and the agencies were asked for cooperation in setting up the tour.

An invitation to the Race Relations Institute at Fisk University, during the last two weeks of June, was extended to agencies and their contacts.

During the course of the meeting, the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice, a new organization, was introduced to the group. It is a lay organization which hopes to start chapters throughout the South and which will be working to awaken the Church to its responsibilities in the human relations field.

The next meeting was set for Wednesday and Thursday, September 20-21, in Atlanta, Georgia.

May 3, 1961

The Library of Congress
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

In the May 1 issue of TheAugusta Courier the editor speaks of a research paper published in March by the Library of Congress, entitled "The Power of The President to Withhold Federal Funds From Educational Institutions Which Discriminate Among Students on Grounds of Race." We would like very much to receive a copy of this paper. Please let us know of there is a charge.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

VIA AIR MAIL May 4, 1961

Mr. Benjamin Muse, Jr.
Parnassus Book Service
Route 6-A, Box 33
Yarmouth Port, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Muse:

The staff is interested in acquiring as a gift' for Harold Fleming, the former director, a set of the complete works of Shakespeare. We have discussed this matter with Mr. Muse, Sr., and he thinks that you might be able to help us. If so, we would appreciate it.

In checking we have determined that the Yale University or the New Cambridge editions would be best for our purposes. Both, however, raise questions which we have not been able to answer. With the Yale series we note that some of the volumes have been out for a number of years and some have been revised. If we selected this series we would, of course, want the latest revisions. With the New Cambridge edition thate is some question in our mind as to whether or not it is complete. Could you shed any light on these questions as well as the question of price?

As one final complication, we would like to have a selected set by May 27 - which is very likely impossible.

If you can help us in this we would be most grateful.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

May 4, 1961

Mr. Ralph Purcell
Department of Political Science
University of Delaware
Newark, Delaware

Dear Ralph:

Many thanks for your letter of April 28. I have found the Council an interesting place with some very special satisfactions that I never have found elsewhere.

Give my regards to Marge, Vera and Allen. Hope to see you soon.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

May 4, 1961

Mr. Roy Parker, Jr.
The News and Observer
News Department
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Parker:

Many thanks for your good letter of April 26. I shall indeed be quick to call you whenever I may know of a situation which you might find news worthy.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

May 4, 1961

Mr. Harry S. Jones
Executive Secretary
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

Many thanks for your letter of April 27 and your warm good wishes.

Thank you, too, for your suggestion of a new staff man. He is someone who I have had very much in mind.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

May 4, 1961

Mr. Q. D. Gasque
Division Superintendent
Warren and Rappahannock Public School
System
Front Royal, Virginia

Dear Mr. Gasque:

Many thanks for sending me, in March, a copy of your Williamsburg statement. I have now had an opportunity to read it with care. It is a very perceptive and clear analysis.

Please let me know whenever we can be of service to you.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

May 4, 1961

Mr. Benjamin Muse
c/o Dinkler Andrew Jackson Hotel
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Ben:

I am enclosing Mr. Henson's letter. Please reply directly to him.

I am also enclosing an announcement of the Center for Southern Education Studies. It is not only a rather handy little book, but it occurred to me that you might want to consider dropping in to get acquainted sometime when you are in Nashville. My contact there is Sam Wiggins whom I have known slightly for some years. Sam visited us to learn more about our work while preparing this book.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf
Enclosures - 2.

BC: Harold C. Fleming

May 4, 1961

Miss Josephine Wilkins
C/O Warm Mineral Springs Inn
Route 1
Venice, Florida

Dear Josephine:

You especially will want to know that The Rockefeller Foundation grant has been officially communicated. I am enclosing a copy of Miss Rhind's letter. I do not think we should rue the one year provision. Judging from this letter and the conversation I had yesterday with Mr. DeVinney, the Foundation is expecting us to ask for funds again next year. I am a little more bothered by the "as much thereof as may be necessary" stipulation. But I trust this will burden us only in the additional accounting and reporting which we must do.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf
Enclosure - 1.

May 4, 1961

Mr. D. D. Steckler
Assistant Credit Manager
The Diners/ Club, Inc.
10 Columbus Circle
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Steckler:

Mr. Dunbar has asked me to provide the information in your inquiry of April 28.

(1) Leslie W. Dunbar is the new director of the Council; the requested application form is enclosed.

(2) Harold C. Fleming is no longer with the Council. He does wish to maintain a Diner's Club account and will inform you of a change of address where he is moving, and where he will be Executive Vice President of the Potomac Institute. In the meantime, we will honor any obligations on that account.

(3) The service fee seems to be a matter of interpretation with your office since, as indicated above, Dunbar will replace Fleming on our account but not until such time as you receive a change of address from Fleming.

With apologies for the complications,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

Enclosure - 1.

May 4, 1961

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I was sorry to learn that the article for the Rock Hill Evening Herald had to be tabled for the present time, but I can understand the difficulty presented.

"This I Believe" is available from the Council at two cents a copy. This will be exactly as presented in NEW SOUTH with the exception of the different quality of paper. If you will note in NEW SOUTH, you will see that this is, in effect, an insert type article and so we had a goodly number of additional copies run for distribution to other persons other than NEW SOUTH subscribers.

Let me know if you can use some of them.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

May 4, 1961

Louisiana State University Press
Baton Rouge
Louisiana

Dear Sirs:

Please send us one copy of C. Van Woodward's The Burden of Southern History; our check for $3.50 is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Enclosure

May 4, 1961

Circulation Department
The Augusta Courier
1300 Southern Finance Bldg.
Augusta, Georgia

Dear Sirs:

We would like to subscribe to the Augusta Courier for one year; our check for $4.12 is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Please address as follows:

Research
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta 2, Ga.

May 4, 1961

Miss Flora M. Rhind
Secretary
The Rockefeller Foundation
111 West 50th Street
New York 20, New York

Dear Miss Rhind:

On behalf of the Southern Regional Council, I acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 27, with notification that the Rockefeller Foundation has granted us, for general expenses during 1961, the sum of $50,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary.

Enclosed is a copy of our budget for 1961 as approved by our Executive Committee on February 2, 1961. Should you wish more detailed facts or analysis, we shall be happy to supply them.

If satisfactory to you, we would like to receive the entire grant now. At the end of the year we shall, as requested, submit a statement of receipts and expenditures, and any balance there may be from the funds.

It is not our practice to make public announcement of grants. We do not, on the other hand, withhold financial information when queried by persons with a legitimate interest. If the occasion should ever arise, we shall be guided by the Foundation's policies regarding announcement of grants. We understand that the Foundation's readiness to consider renewals for subsequent years is no part of the grant.

I think you must know how gratified we are by this action. It brings us not only much needed financial aid, but is also an expression of confidence in our work that we value as highly as the money. To have in our endeavors the support of the staff, officers, and Trustees of the Rockefeller Foundation is reassuring to all of us.

As I told Mr. DeVinney yesterday, I plan to be in New York sometime in June. Before I come, I shall drop you a line, in the hope that there may be an opportunity for me to convey my personal thanks for the consideration you have given us, and to keep you advised regarding our programs.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

Enclosure - 1. (Operating Budgets and Income...1961)

May 5, 1961

Miss Audrey E. Wurch
Box 496
821 Temple Avenue
Knoxville 16, Tenn.

Dear Miss Wurch:

I've been away on vacation for the past ten days, and this has delayed a reply to your request for information. Because you are a friend of Andre Hammonds, I wanted to do an especially thorough job of suggesting materials for you to look into, since we do not have on hand material that goes as far back or is as detailed as you will need. I am sending you a few things, but they will not be very helpful.

If you would call at the local NAACP office in Knoxville, you might be able to borrow from them copies of The Crisis, the NAACP magazine since 1910. They should at least have on hand copies of the issues March through August-September, 1959. In each one of these issues you will find an article with references to the early beginnings of the NAACP, since this was during the 50th anniversary celebration.

The NAACP annual reports would be your very best source for material, since they yearly summarize activities of the NAACP in all areas. I am also listing some books which would be helpful. Some you may find at the local library; some can be found only at such places as Fisk University, Atlanta University, or the NAACP offices in New York or Atlanta. In the Journal of Negro Education, Fall 1959, Elliott M. Rudwick has an article "DuBois versus Garvey: Race Propagandists at War"; in the Spring 1960 issue of the same journal, Rudwick has another article, "Booker T. Washington's Relations with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People."

One of the items being sent you is a reprint of an article by Chester Davis. Mrs. Ruby Hurley, of the regional NAACP office here tells me that there was some criticism of this and that the facts were not all carefully researched. So use it with care, and a critical eye. Mrs. Hurley said too that Langston Hughes is working on a complete history of the NAACP, but she does not know when it will be published. If you write to him he might have some suggestions as to resource materials.

These are the books which would be helpful to you:

John Hope Franklyn, From Slavery to Freedom
Walter White, A Man Called White, A Rising Wind (or any of his early books)
Dubois, From Dusk to Dawn
James Weldon (out of print), Along This Way - chapter on The Beginnings of the NAACP
Myrdall, An American Dilemma

If you want to follow through on references to early cases, to see how they finally came out, a good source would be Jack Greenberg's Race Relations and American Law. Some help on this point may be found in one of the things being sent, "A Chronology of Segregation Court Cases," in New South, October 1959.

If you are unable to get the copies of The Crisis mentioned, write to us again. We could copy the articles for you, but it would take some time.

Good luck. Give our regards to Andre.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
New South, October 1959
Journal-Sentinel reprint, Chester Davis article
Some NAACP publications will be mailed out Monday

May 5, 1961

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Messrs. Dabbs and Wright:

I am writing to you on a matter of some delicacy, and not at all sure of my ability to convey to you exactly the meaning of my remarks. Indeed, because of this doubt I have not written earlier, or spoken on this matter to you when Mr. Wright was here last Friday and when Mr. Dabbs called last Monday. Continued repercussions, however, finally persuaded me that I owe to you some remarks about the petition for clemency for Carl Braden, which both of you signed.

First of all I want to make some things clear. I abhor the Un-American Activities Committee. I sat through the Atlanta hearings in 1958, and wrote an article about them (rejected by the one magazine to which submitted, and therefore never published) in which I defended Braden's refusal to testify. I am deeply disappointed by the Supreme Court's recent civil liberties decisions, and I agreed fully with the dissenting opinions of Justices Black and Douglas in the Braden case.

When all this is said, I would not and I did not sign the petition. I did not for one chief reason: I resent having martyrs self-nominated for us. The burden of the petition and the letter which accompanied it was that Braden had been subpoenaed, cited, and convicted because of his opposition to segregation. This (and with all respect to Justice Black) I do not believe to have been the fact. As I said, I attended every minutes of those hearings. A more pitiable lot of persons you could hardly imagine than the poor social waifs who were dragged before the Committee: to one who prized the dignity and greatness of the United States it was a revolting spectacle of the degradation of government by officials who could cause it to stoop to such cruel pursuits. These people were not called, however, because they were integrationists, nor was Braden, who was the only figure of even small importance. They were called because the Committee suspected them of being Communists. No questions were directed to racial beliefs, though Braden repeatedly and loudly accused the Committee of having this ulterior motive.

I submit to you that were integration the target of the Committee, it would have chosen a more consequential person than Braden to attack, or other active persons in addition to him.

I have no doubt, personally, that the Committee suspects all of us. I think the record shows that its earlier investigation of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, as well as that of the Eastland Committee, did become field days for the radical segregationists. The Atlanta hearings did not. I think, in fact, we -- and that pronoun includes you two personally -- can take some pride in this, for we have helped to establish the acknowledged right of Southerners to combat segregation, and have in doing so scared off further use of Congressional committees, dominated by moss-back Southerners, as tools of harassment.

There are valid martyrs in this work. You know many of them. Some of them have been or are being created by investigating committees of state legislatures. I will, to give just one example, proudly join you, if it ever becomes necessary, in standing beside Father Gibson in Florida. My conviction is, though, that I should not assist a man, such as Braden, in assuming a position which is not rightfully his, and that to endorse his claims is to do harm to the movement which is SRC's principal concern.

I have two reasons for writing to you at this length. One is to let you know, out of my genuine respect for each of you, why in this case I did not follow your leadership. The other is because the petition continues to receive publicity, the names of the signers are being listed in the press, and we have had and continue to get queries from newsmen who know your relationship to the Council. To all of these we have replied that you (as well as Miss Dorcas Ruthenburg) signed as individuals, and that your signatures do not represent a Council point of view. Only in one case, so far, that I have seen, has either of you (it was Mr. Dabbs) been identified in the press as an officer of the Council.

I have no reason to believe that this publicity will be harmful. There are, as you know, widespread allegations regarding Braden's political loyalties, and this is the reason for interest by the press. I want to emphasize again that I have no disagreement with you at all in signing the petition despite those allegations: I would agree with you fully that the man, whatever his political position, had his rights violated. You have my respect for not being deterred by the charges against him -- whether or not they are true -- from speaking in his defense. But I do not agree that he is a victim of the integration struggle, and I am resentful of his claiming that title. In other words, the case of Carl Braden has little or nothing to do with the civil rights fight in the South. I did not sign his petition because, knowing that I cannot disassociate my personal from my organizational role, I did not want to endorse the claim that it did, and thereby enhance his stature.

You will, I am confident, understand the spirit in which this is written, even if you do not agree with the reasoning. Whenever the Council or its officers risk, as we sometimes have to do, public obloquy we have a need -- and an obligation -- to define as carefully as we can the motivation of our action. In this particular case, I do not think the Council, as an organization, should in any measure identify itself with Braden's protest. Because you are probably the two best known officers of the Council, I thought I had some responsibility to get my views before you.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

May 5, 1961

Dr. Stephen J. Wright
President
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Wright:

I write to ask your participation in a venture by the Council. Sometime ago Mr. Dabbs and I began discussing the desirability of the Council's making some contribution to the public discussion of the Civil War Centennial. Not all of us are happy over the Centennial plans, and many more are unhappy about the way the Centennial is progressing. Nevertheless, we have it with us, now and for the next several years. It was our thought that SRC, as a body of liberal Southerners, ought not let the point of view of the South be expressed solely from the usual quarter, and had a responsibility to make some effort to influence the manner in which the Civil War would now be rethought and re-discussed. At the same time, we have no wish to argue the War, but rather to use the occasion of the Centennial to raise some questions about the present situation and direction of the South.

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I am asking you to be one of the persons who contributes. Paul Green, Benjamin Mays, and Marion Wright have agreed to do so, and invitations will be going to two or three others. Mr. Dabbs has already drafted his introductory letter. It is, I think, a beautiful statement, which begins by raising the question of whether the Civil War should be regarded as an epic or a tragic event, indicates his belief that only if we can see it as the latter can we hope to build a true community on a bi-racial foundation, and there invites repponse. The letter is so constructed that the symposium participants will find plenty of freedom for stating their own interests and concerns. Each reply might run anywhere from 1,200 - 2,000 words.

I hope you will feel that you can do this. If so, the Dabbs letter will be got to you as soon as it is in final shape. We are aiming toward a publishing date around midsummer.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:a

May 5, 1961

Dr. Frank Graham
United Nations Representative
for India and Pakistan
Room 1003
The United Nationa
New York, N. Y.

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Executive Director

LWD:a

Pamphlets sent: School Desegregation: The first six years - 50 copies
Racial Violence and Law Enforcement - 50 "
The Negro Voter in the South - 50 "

May 8, 1961

Mr. Harold L. Lunger
TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
BRITE COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE
Dept. of Christian Ethics
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Lunger:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, copies of the pamphlets you requested. Two of the pamphlets we are letting you have at a discount, the other is free.

With best wishes for your Institute.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/bee

May 8, 1961

Mr. Hayes Mizell
University of South Carolina
Box 2831
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Mizell:

Thank you for the information concerning your needs in relationship to continuing your graduate studies at Carolina. We are doing what we can to find assistance for you. We feel that it would be most unfortunate if you were forced to leave the University under the present circumstances. At the present state of our explorations, the situation seems to be as follows: It looks as though $500 will be made available to assist you with your expenses next year, should you find it possible to remain at Carolina. We have asked the donor to give us a fènal confirmation of this amount and to increase it if possible. We expect to have final word on this shortly.

We have heard of another situation which might conceivably interest you. The Canadian National Student Union has undertaken the relocation of four students who were expelled from Southern colleges because of their activities in connection with the studeñt movement during the past year. I have no idea whether there is a Canadian university which would meet your academic needs, but if the idea interests you, we can look into it. If so, you would have to send to me a fairly complete record of your academic program, grades, etc.

We are continuing to explore possibilities in other directions, but this is all we know at the moment. Let me hear from you.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

May 8, 1961

Mr. Timothy Jenkins
National Affairs Vice President
National Student Association
3457 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

Dear Tim:

The situation in South Carolina has improved slightly. One of the two students involved in the crisis situation has been granted a renewal of his fellowship. The Chairman of the department was apparently able to bring some pressure to bear on the situation. The other student is still seeking a way of continuing his graduate work and there seems to be no possibility of the University reconsidering in his case. I am writing to him to pass on your suggestion about the Canadian National Student Union. I doubt very much, however, that he would be interested in transferring in the middle of his graduate study. We also would hate to see one of the few white students who has been effective in the student movement in the deep South flee to Canada in the face of this kind of harassment.

Connie has indicated that NSA does not want the source of the aid to be identified to the student at this point. I have written to the student indicating that $500 will probably be available. I will appreciate early confirmation of this figure or correction if this is inaccurate. Would you be willing to consider raising the amount since only one student is involved and if he is not interested in the Canada prospect?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm
cc: Connie Curry

May 8, 1961

Mr. Benjamin Muse
P. O. Box 312
Manassas, Virginia

Dear Ben:

It was agreed when we first talked about card files that the state groups and board of directors would not be included since we do keep them in NEW SOUTH files. We do not include these categories in our card file; but if you wish to have them for your file we will be glad to send them. In regard to the two categories, we find it easier to refer to our typed list here rather than to our card file; but it will be little trouble to prepare these two lists. Please let me know.

We are mailing the two copies of the Executive report under separate cover.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

May 8, 1961

Mr. Nat Griswold
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

Congratulations on the fine program you have been able to develop for the regional NAIRO meeting. This is really a first-rate list of names and a balanced group.

I think we would have some difficulty in finding any resources to help with this kind of conference, related primarily to another organization. Cannot NAIRO provide some assistance? Your budget is certainly a modest one. We will, of course, offer Les Dunbar's expenses and I suppose could stretch a point and take care of Marion Wright's travel. This is probably the best we can do.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

P. S. If NAIRO will approve, I would be willing to agree to the shifting of the $100 item allotted to the SE region to be used in support of this meeting. You see, I am the SE chairman, and plan no such conference.

Sent: 1961 issues of NEW SOUTH - Jan. thru April
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This I Believe

May 8, 1961

Mr. Robert D. Nicholson
CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Jackson and Fillmore Streets
San Francisco 15, California

Dear Mr. Nicholson:

Thank you very much for your contribution of FIFTEEN DOLLARS ($15.00) and for your interest in the Council.

I am sorry that you have not been receiving Council materials, the change of address was misplaced somewhere in the office. We are mailing you, under separate cover, back issues of NEW SOUTH and some other materials that might be of interest to you.

Dr. Leslie W. Dunbar is the new Executive Director, he formerly served as the Council's Director of Research.

Again, thank you for your interest and if we can be of additional aid, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/bec

May 8, 1961

Professor Paul Gaston
Department of History
University of Virginia
Charlottesville, Va.

Dear Mr. Gaston:

The best flight I can get into Charlottesville seems to be Piedmont #343, arriving from Washington at 5:46 P.M.; I'll take Eastern $514 from here to Washington, reaching there at 3:23 P.M., and wait over until 5:00 P. M. for Piedmont.

This is cutting corners close to make your 6:00 dinner, but there appears to be no better arrangement possible. Perhaps you can have someone meet me at the Charlottesville airport and whisk me off to the meeting.

I have promised Dan Bowers that I'll be at his office in Richmond about noon on Friday, and will ride to Norfolk with him. Dan tells me that there is a good flight from Charlottesville to Richmond.

For a title: "The Tradition of Change." Honestly, I haven't had time to think much about what I'll say, but I have some inclinations that ought to fit under that title.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:a
Enclosure: photo; data sheet

May

MINUTES
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
GREATER ATLANTA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS

The regular May meeting of the Executive Board of the Greater Atlanta Council on Human Relations convened May 9, 1961 at 1:55 P.M. at the Council's new offices, 41 Exchange Place, S.E. Mrs. Paschall presided, explaining the delay in beginning the meeting was caused by a consultation with Mayor Hartsfield (at his request) with representatives of ACCA in response to the letter from ACCA requesting desegregation of parks and other tax-supported Atlanta facilities. A supporting letter had been sent to the Mayor on behalf of the Atlanta Council by Harry Boyte and Mrs. Paschall, and Carl Holman and Jesse Hill, representing ACCA, invited Harry Boyte and Eliza Paschall to go with them to talk with the Mayor. Also present were three representatives of the Atlanta Parks Department. It was reported that the consultation had not accomplished anything definite, but further discussions are to be planned.

Board members present were: Mrs. Drake, Phyrn Stanley, Rabbi Rothschild, Don Hollowell, Teddy Titon, the Rev. Lamar Clements, Montez Albright, with Paul Rilling (SRC) and Frances Pauley (Georgia Council).

There was some discussion of the recent newspaper publicity, and Mrs. Paschall said she thought the most important thing we could do was to establish in this community the realization that advocating integration does not make one an extremist.

Mr. Boyte circulated a folder containing letters from churches replying to a letter from the Council and agreeing to work with us this summer in holding integrated meetings.

Paul Rilling reported on the proposed employment survey to be made by the Southern Regional Council as a joint project of the Atlanta Council and ACCA, as outlined by the Merit Employment Coordinating Committee of Atlanta (composed of respresentatives from the Urban League, NAACP, ACCA, Atlanta Council on Human Relations, Friends Service Committee, Quaker House, and the Unitarian Church). The survey is to be done as soon as possible and will include three Southern cities: Atlanta; two others, probably Houston and Miami. Results will be published by SRC. Dr. Carl Holman has agreed to chair the joint committee to obtain information for the survey. Leslie Dunbar of SRC will draw up a proposed questionnaire, suggested procedure, and general outline so that all three cities will obtain essentially similar information. The final drafting of the report will be supervised by SRC Research staff, with a foreword of information and statistics on employment. General approval was expressed. Mrs. Paschall and Mr. Boyte said they would consult with Dr. Holman before appointing a committee to represent the Atlanta Council in the survey.

VOTED: that the Atlanta Council sponsor the survey of merit employment in Atlanta, in cooperation with ACCA.

Mr. Boyte read a letter he had written to Mr. O'Callahan, chairman of the Atlanta School Board, repeating some of the same questions raised previously with the school board and stating that "the questions raised then and others asked more recently have not been answered".... "it is becoming more urgent with each passing day" and requesting that answers be given at the May 8th meeting of the school board. Questions concerned the release of names of students to the press, information regarding the "informal appeal," procedure for white child transferring from integrated school, procedure for Negro child making informal appeal or transferring from one Negro school to another.

Mrs. Pauley reported that at a meeting of the OASIS group she had appealed to them to make the same requests from the school board. Several representatives of organizations had said they would, or had indicated some interest.

Mrs. Paschall reported on a conference she and Richard Hocking (chairman, Georgia Council) had had with Jack Spaulding regarding the Thursday evening editorial in the Journal and said she had pointed out to him that the Council had made "requests" rather than "demands" and had discussed with him the Atlanta and Georgia Councils' program and aims. She felt he was not sympathetic but hoped the conference might be helpful in future press reports of Council activities.

General discussion followed on the importance of maintaining good press and public relations "because it is unrealistic to think we can work against the press" and the necessity of keeping in mind that the main object at this time is to protect the Negro children who are applying for transfer. Mrs. Titon said she thought the press would act responsibly if their backs were not up and volunteered to be one of a committee to discuss this with the editors because she thought that these press "nibblings" if continued would result in our organization becoming ineffective in the school or any other situation. Rabbi Rothschild said that we are on the unpopular side in the community in the school situation and that our only ultimate hope is that this smaller segment of the community can get the larger segment to do the right thing according to democratic and religious principles. It was again noted that community support is most necessary and valuable and that we ought to try to get other people and other organizations to work with us on these things.

Mrs. Paschall announced that Harry Boyte, for business reasons, must return to Charlotte, N. C. within the next few months, and that she would like the job as executive director of the Council. She said this had been discussed with the Unitarian Service Committee and they had expressed approval. Mrs. Paschall left the room while her suggestion was being discussed. After some discussion, a motion was made by Rabbi Rothschild, seconded by Don Hollowell, that the officers of the Executive Board (minus the chairman) act as a personnel committee in replacing Harry Boyte. It was further agreed that the Chairman plus the two vice-presidents would meet with the Georgia Council and SRC representatives to review and clarify arrangements between the Atlanta and Georgia boards. Both motions were passed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Montez Albright, Secretary

May 9, 1961

Mrs. Mabel Morley, Director
Board of Women's Work
The Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
341-A Ponce de Leon Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Morley:

We have not yet received a list of your Presbyterian women to be invited to the workshop of The Fellowship of the Concerned, November 6 and 7.

I understand you are out of town but I am mailing the letter to your office and asking them to forward it to you. I think perhaps you might have a list of the women with you; at any rate, we are more than anxious to get it within the next few days.

On Wednesday, May 17, we are calling a group together to make plans for the workshop. The meeting will be in the office of the Southern Regional Council, Inc. at one o'clock. Please notify your office here in Atlanta to send someone to represent you if you are still out of town at that time.

The best of wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/jf

May 10, 1961

Mr. Mel Bloom
Civil Rights Services
Commission on Human Relations
City of Chicago
54 West Hubbard Street
Chicago 10, Illinois

Dear Mr. Bloom:

We are pleased to send you the requested copy of McMillan's Racial Violence and Law Enforcement, under separate cover.

Your name is being added to our mailing list to receive subsequent Research publications, as you requested.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

May 10, 1961

Mr. M. D. Adams
Chief of Police
City of Florence
Florence, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Adams:

We mailed you yesterday, under separate cover, the requested four copies of McMillan's Racial Violence and Law Enforcement. There is no charge.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

May 10, 1961

Miss Grace C. Lee
Editor
Correspondence Publishing Co.
7737 Mack Avenue
Detroit 14, Michigan

Dear Miss Lee:

We are mailing you today the requested Leadership Reports, and we will put your name on our mailing list to receive future reports, as you requested.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
L-Reports 6, 8, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25
Added L-Report mailing list

May 10, 1961

Mrs. Walter Paschall
1957 Westminster Way, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Liza:

We would like to again express to you our hope that any new arrangement involving the directorship of the Atlanta Council will have the full understanding and approval of the Georgia Council. As I indicated yesterday, I believe it is most important that all aspects of the relationships between the Georgia and Atlanta Councils and between the Atlanta Council and the Unitarian Service Committee be fully reviewed and considered by the joint Atlanta-Georgia committee before any decisions involving personnel or a continuation of the arrangement after Harry leaves his position.

The Georgia Council is inevitably and properly involved in any staff arrangements by one of its constituent groups. In order to facilitate the best possible understanding and cooperation between the two groups, I think it is essential that the officers of the Georgia Council have the opportunity to fully review the agreement.

I know that you are anxious to get these matters resolved as soon as possible but I believe that moving a little more deliberately would increase the chances of understanding and satisfaction on the part of all concerned.

Our relationship, of course, is with the Georgia Council and only through this group with its local affiliates. We are naturally concerned with the problems of the state council and with its Atlanta support and constituency.

I hope that the joint committee can begin its discussions as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/SM

May 10, 1961

Professor Felix Rackow
Department of Political Science
Western Reserve University
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Professor Rackow:

We are mailing you today the requested copy of *The Federal Executive and Civil Rights*. We are also placing your name on our mailing list to receive subsequent Research publications, as you requested.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

May 10, 1961

Mr. Galen Martin
Executive Director
Commission on Human Rights
311 Capitol Building
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Martin:

John Constable asked me to reply to your letter of May 8, due to the fact that he had to go out of the city.

As requested, we are mailing you, under separate cover, a copy of Virginia's Massive Resistance; the materials on the sit-ins; and six copies of Racial Violence and Law Enforcement.

I have asked our New South clerk to check the New South mailing list, and enter subscriptions for the members of your Commission who are not already receiving New South; and send the invoice to the Commission. I am placing the Commissioners on the "L" list.

If we can be of any additional aid, please let us know.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to Mr. Constable

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Encl. - official receipt

May 10, 1961

Mr. Harry Fleischman
National Labor Service
165 East 56th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Harry:

Thank you for your letter of May 8. I look forward to attending meetings of the Mass Media Committee whenever I can. Unfortunately, I cannot this Friday for I shall have to be in Norfolk. Let me know as soon as you can when the June meeting will be. I have to be in New York early in June and, if possible, I shall try to schedule my trip to coincide with the Mass Media Committee meeting.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

May 10, 1961

Mr. Richard H. Cohen
National Board Member
Na'aseh V'Nishma
8 Kent Road
Merchantville 8, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Cohen:

In response to your recent inquiry we are enclosing a list of available publications and sending under separate cover some materials that may be of help to you.

Your program and plans are commendable and we will be happy to be of any possible help.

As one other source of suggestions, may I suggest that you contact Miss Jean Fairfax of the American Friends Service Committee at 160 N. 15th Street, Philadelphia. Miss Fairfax works closely with students and others in the South and may be of some help to you.

As to specific projects, the following come to mind:

There might be a survey conducted of the local Negro community - its problems and needs. From such a survey would come a greater awareness of another group. There might also develop logical opportunities for getting to know others better. Hopefully, specific and detailed needs would indicate a project which your group could handle.

In Southern communities - and many Northern cmmmunities - your group could contact the local NAACP and similar organizations and request an opportunity for participation in local efforts. There is particularly the need for young people of different backgrounds to get to know each other better. Local Urban League offices would be another source for this type of effort.

I regret that these suggestions are so general in nature. If it appears that any of our materials can be of help we will be happy to supply them to any local group that has need of them.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1.

May 10, 1961

Mrs. W. R. Bragg
1206 North Madison Avenue
Albany, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Bragg:

It may be possible that your time has expired as an officer of the South Georgia Conference but we want you to be here at the meeting, Wednesday. If possible bring with you your successor. Of course, expenses for both of you will be paid.

We do hope you will be present.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work
(Dictated but not signed in her presence)

MET/jf

May 10, 1961

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: BM

FROM: LWD

I am having this mailed to you because it will not thermafax, but we would like to have it back for the files. Share with Brew if you wish, and then return it to us.

I thought it a well done statement.

Enclosure: Gasque statement on Warren County high school

May 10, 1961

Mrs. Clayton Calhoun
Paine College
Augusta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Calhoun:

In our rush yesterday to get the notices out of the meetings next Wednesday, we failed to add on your notice that we most certainly would take care of your expenses.

We hope you will attend.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Me E. Tilly
(Dictated byt not signed in her presence)

MET/jf

May 11, 1961

Mr. Jarvis Barnes
Board of Education
1103 City Hall
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Barnes:

At the request of your secretary, we are happy to provide you with information on the Southern Regional Council.

Enclosed is a brief description of the origins and aims of SRC and a current listing of Council Members. The Council is not a general membership organization therefore this is, in effect, the board of directors.

To give you some idea of our interests and methods we are also enclosing several of our recent publications.

For a number of years the Council has attempted to work responsibly in the complex area of Southern race relations. The great majority of this work is done quietly with public and private agencies where the particular skills and resources of the organization can be utilized.

Dr. Leslie W. Dunbar, the Executive Director, is out of the city. However, I am certain that I speak for him in offering any possible assistance.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures - 8.
Board List
~~Congressional Record Reprint~~
"The Southern Regional Council - Its Origins and Aims"
JJBrewbaker pamphlet "Desegregation in the Norfolk Public Schools"
L-Report #25
L-Report #16
The South and the Nation, Collins
Green/Gauerke pamphlet "If the Schools are Closed..."
School Desegregation: First Six Years
Mary Ellen Goodman Special Report on Virginia

May 11, 1961

Mr. Mathew Ahmann
National Catholic Conference for
 Interracial Justice
21 West Superior Street
Chicago 10, Illinois

Dear Mr. Ahmann:

At the request of Paul Rilling, I am enclosing a copy of our inter-agency list. The checks will indicate those present for the last meeting in New Orleans.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Timothy Miller
secretary to Paul Rilling

Enc.

May 11, 1961

Mrs. M. L. King, Jr.
63 Johnson Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 12, Georgia

Dear Mrs. King:

I have just called the Ebenezer Baptist Church in an effort to get in touch with you. Lest I fail entirely in this, I'm now writing this note.

We will have a committee meeting of leaders in The Fellowship of the Concerned, Wednesday, 10 a.m. in the office of the Southern Regional Council, 5 Forsyth Street, N.W., Room 201. We feel that it would be most valuable to have you in the group. We trust you will find it possible to be with us.

We are looking forward to having you lead the hymn singing at The Fellowship of the Concerned, November 6 and 7, at Clark College.

With best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/jf

May 11, 1961

Mr. E. T. Kehrer
Director
Southeastern Region, ILGWU
1065 Gordon Street, S.W.
Atlanta 10, Georgia

Dear Mr. Kehrer:

For many years we have gathered together some women leaders in the workshop for The Fellowship of the Concerned. This year it will be held November 6 and 7, at Clark College, Atlanta.

We have always found great value in having with us women from labor unions, and we would like very much to have one woman from your union in each of the following states; Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, the Carolinas, Virginia.

We have funds to care for the entertainment and transportation. We hope you can help us find these women for they do make a valuable contribution in the discussions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director

MET/jf

May 11, 1961

Bishop Joseph B. Brunini
The Catholic Church
123 West North Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Bishop Brunini:

I think you are familiar with The Fellowship of the Concerned. It is the women's work of the Southern Regional Council. Every fall we have a workshop here in Atlanta at which time we gather the leaders of the three faiths who hold the office in the field of social relations.

Every year we have had very fine Catholic representation, but we need to have more of them because the Catholic Church has done more in the field of race relations than any other group. We need the experience of women who have worked in this field.

We would appreciate it if you would send us the names of two women who are leaders in each of the following states; Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, the Carolinas, Tennessee, Arkansas, Virginia. At the time we had the cooperation of the National Council of Catholic Women I'm not sure who secured it for us, but we do need it.

We do have funds for transportation and entertainment. We will meet November 6 and 7 at Clark College in Atlanta.

I will be deeply grateful to you if you will find it possible to help in this work.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/jf

May 11, 1961

Paul R. Christopher
Regional Director, AFL-CIO
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Christopher:

Again I am asking you to find some women union members of the AFL-CIO to participate in the Workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned, November 6 and 7, at Clark College, Atlanta.

As usual, their expenses for transportation and entertainment will be paid by the Southern Regional Council.

Thank you for this favor.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/jf

May 11, 1961

Mrs. Ben Russell
824 Tusculum Boulevard
Greenville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Russell:

The Fellowship of the Concerned Workshop will be November 6 and 7, Clark College, Atlanta. Again, we will need a list of your women to be invited, and we most sincerely hope you will be with us this year for we are going to face the terrible lag in the church on the issues that face us. Of course, we cannot afford to have the school boards and the courts bear the brunt when the Church shoulddhave been the leader all the while.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/jf

May 11, 1961

The Rev. Dan Bowers
Virginia Council on Human Relations
3-B Broad-Grace Arcade Building
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Dan;

We noted in the Washington-Post of February 23 excerpts from an address by H. Graham Morison at Washington and Lee University. Morison is noted as a resident of Fairfax County and a former Assistant Attorney General under Truman. The speech was excellent. We thought you might want to sick the Fairfax Council onto him, and perhaps see if he is of sufficient potential to be considered for board membership by you or us.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

May 12, 1961

Mrs. F. W. Anderson, Jr.
3239 Gilmer Avenue
Montgomery 5, Alabama

Dear Rose:

I was very pleased to get your letter with its more detailed summary of the way you have been moving and thinking. I would very much appreciate the opportunity of meeting with the group quietly. My Saturdays are pretty well messed up from now on. How would Thursday, May 25 be? If this is not possible, I could probably come on Thursday, May 18, although this would be more difficult. The only other alternatives would have to be into June.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

May 12, 1961

Mr. H. Kirkland Osoinach
1822 South Parkway East
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Osoinach:

It is frankly quite outside our normal method of operation to make grants of funds to individuals for conference purposes. We generally channel our funds into assistance to state groups and financing of publications in the field of human relations.

Give us a little more information, however, and we will take another look at the problem. What expenses would be involved in sending Mr. York to Chicago? So far as any continuing assistance to his work, we would not be in a position to help. We might be able to recommend some persons whom you might contact in this connection.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

May 12, 1961

Mrs. Sue B. Ish
1483 South Parkway East
Memphis 6, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Ish;

I will be happy to be with you for your program on the 25th of September, and look forward at that time also to meeting with the Memphis Council on Human Relations. This takes care of the expense item nicely.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

Thermafax: Wall Street Journal, Dec. 20, Nov. 18, 1960
Atlanta Constitution, Jim Montgomery article, 4-12-61 (Richs)
Misc. clips re department stores xxxx
Wall Street Journal reprint: Segregation Costs
St. Petersburg Times reprint: Frank Trippet's What Price Massive Resistanc
L-18, Negro Buying Power
L-22, Fowler Committee report
New South: March, Sept., Dec., 1960; March, May, 1961
Sit-in publications
Goodman Report (requested)

May 12, 1961

Miss Elsie Carper
The Washington Post
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Carper:

Paul Anthony, to whom you talked with by telephone yesterday, has asked that I reply to your request for information regarding the economic effects of sit-ins and boycotts. Good information is very difficult to get. Variety and department stores of course do not make public such data. The Federal Reserve Board does circulate a monthly index of department store sales in the larger cities of the country. We have found it impossible, as yet at any rate, to document from the indices the dollar effect of sit-ins, boycotts, or resumption of buying. The problem is, as you undoubtedly know, that throughout the period of the student protest, retail sales generally have lagged. We are enclosing copies of some news clips and also sending you some of our publications regarding the student protest movement. In each of them there is some reference to economic effects.

We are also sending you the requested Goodman report on the Virginia private schools, and will add your name to our press list to receive subsequent news releases and reports.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

May 12, 1961

Mr. William Bagwell
American Friends Service Committee
P. O. Box 1307
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Bill:

The only plane connection that will get me back to Atlanta in time leaves at 1:20 p.m. Saturday. There is a nice fast plane at 4:00 every day except Saturday, which would have been fine. My commitment here is for 7:00 p.m. I will be happy to come up Friday if that will help.

As to additional persons you might invite, I would suggest from Nashville either Katherine Jones, director of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations (2011 Grand Avenue) or George Barrett, Nashville Community Relations Conference, 216 Third Avenue, North, in that order. I think I can bring some information on Florida. Your travel costs for someone from Florida, particularly from Miami, would be rather large. I would suggest that you include Ruby Hurley.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

Daily ~~Reading~~ file

May 12, 1961

Mr. Carmack Cochran
Nashville Transit Company
226 - 3rd Avenue, N.
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Cochran:

The progressive step of hiring Negro drivers for passenger runs is currently being considered by transit systems in a number of Southern cities. For publication in our monthly New South, we would be grateful for information about your utilization of Negro drivers. (We are also writing the several other companies who, along with Nashville Transit Company, took the lead in this area during the past year.)

Most particularly, we would like to know:

(1) How many Negro drivers are presently employed by your company?

(2) Are they assigned to predominantly Negro runs? Are they restricted from any runs?

(3) What is your evaluation of the success of the program?

Any additional observations would, of course, be of interest.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson

MM:s

May 12, 1961

Mr. John McKenzie
Higgins-McArthur Company
302 Hayden N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. McKenzie:

We do want the "Special Report" covers and backs, as per the enclosed copy you submitted, and for the quoted price of $386 for 10,000 front and 10,000 plain back covers.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

May 12, 1961

Mr. Eugene Cox
Delta Foundation
933 Chambliss Road
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Gene:

I am enclosing a letter from Mr. Osoinach and our response. We are not in close touch with this situation and would appreciate your counsel as to how we should respond.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm
Enclosures

May 12, 1961

Mr. W. R. Grigg
Department of Interracial Cooperation
Baptist State Convention of North Carolina
301 Hillsboro Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Grigg:

Thank you for your letter concerning the Haywood Hill article in NEW SOUTH.

I am sorry but we do not have authority to give permission for reprints. Permission may be secured from Dr. Hill at 46 - 5th Street, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia.

I am certain that permission will be granted since a number of organizations already have reprints of the article.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

May 15, 1961

Mr. Mathew Ahmann
National Catholic Conference for
Interracial Justice
21 West Superior Street
Chicago 10, Illinois

Dear Mr. Ahmann:

Paul Rilling asked that I supply the information requested in your last two letters. The public schools in Atlanta will be opening August 30 (Wednesday). Parochial schools are scheduled to open on Friday, September 1. I am enclosing the resolution of the Atlanta Board of Education dealing with desegregation, and also the administrative regulations for the assignment and transfer of pupils.

So far as we have been able to learn, there is no current film dealing with church and school desegregation in the South. There is a film, entitled "The Baltimore Story", describing desegregation of schools there. The ADL spokesman who distributes this film says, however, that it has never been very popular, and she feels that some of the schools which desegregated later have improved techniques considerably. The Protestant Radio and TV Center here is talking about making such a film, but even if they decide to go ahead with the project, it will be at least a year before it would be ready. It sounds like a fertile field for somebody to be working.

If we can help further in these or other matters, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Timothy Miller
secretary to Paul Rilling

Enclosures

May 15, 1961

Mr. Herbert F. Rogers
Box 258
Clark College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rogers:

We have been some time in responding to your letter since it has been called to the attention of several members of our staff in the hope that we might come up with some meaningful suggestions.

There is little that we can offer. Regrettably, the Council does not have any opening for the summer. As one slight possibility, the American Friends Service Committee conducts a number of summer projects for which they need leaders. If you wish to explore this, or to see if AFSC has other suggestions, this can be done through Miss Jean Fairfax, American Friends Service Committee, 160 N. 15th Street, Philadelphia.

You might also want to write Mr. John Lassoe, Director of the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials, Room 209, 426 West 58th Street New York 19. NAIRO maintains the most complete listing of positions in the field of human relations and there might be summer openings where your particular work experiences would be especially valuable.

Again, I regret that we cannot respond more definitely or more favorably.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

May 15, 1961

Mr. George McMillan
Box 299
Aiken, South Carolina

Dear George:

You are putting your everything in this. I wish you would come over. Things are fairly hectic here and if you can be understanding of distractions, I think it would be very worthwhile.

I will be away May 18 and 19. I'll be catching a dinner flight May 31 and will be gone through June 2. I will be gone most of the week of June 5 to 11. I would especially like to see you before June 5. Let me know.

Glad and relieved to hear about

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

May 15, 1961

Mr. Ralph Creger
14 Rosemont Drive
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Creger:

Mr. Leslie Dunbar has referred to me your letter of May 8, 1961, concerning THIS IS WHAT WE FOUND.

As you know, we ran a brief review of the book in NEW SOUTH. Beyond that, there is little we can do in the way of promotion except through word of mouth which we will be happy to do.

I read Margaret Long's column concerning the book. Miss Long is a personal friend and is quite interested in good race relations.

Have you contacted other groups in the human relations field? They might be of some limited aid.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

May 15, 1961

Professor James Silver
University of Mississippi
Oxford, Mississippi

Dear Professor Silver:

Harold said that you saw fruitful possibilities of distributing a few copies of Ben Muse's book in Mississippi. Let me know how many you think you could use.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

May 15, 1961

Mr. S. W. Mangham, Jr.
Dickey-Mangham Company
First National Bank Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mangham:

Enclosed is the application for Leslie W. Dunbar for Common Carrier Insurance. Please bill the Southern Regional Council for this.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Baul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures - 2.

Enclosures: "Statement of Activities of SRC,Inc."
SRC By-Laws
SRC Charter

May 15, 1961

Mr. C. G. Campbell, Director
Property Tax Division
Department of Revenue
363 State Office Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Campbell:

Enclosed are the items requested in your letter of May 10.

If additional information is needed, please let us know.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Ruth House Alexander
Secretary-Treasurer

RHA/mf
Enclosures

May 15, 1961

Mr. John Wheeler
President
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear John:

Have you heard anything from Dean Brandis?

Do you think we should wait longer on him?

Sincerely,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

May 15, 1961

Mrs. Dallas McKown
Box 401
Tryon, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. McKnown:

We have been some time in responding to your letter of May 2, since we wanted to check with several members of our staff and several other agencies before replying. It is relatively rare that a person of your particular background and experiences becomes available for the field of human relations and we take such opportunities seriously.

Regrettably, at this particularltime we have no appropriate opening here and know of none with the other Atlanta agencies. However, we would like to keep your letter on file and explore the matter further should an opening occur. In fact, if you make other plans I would appreciate a note to that effect.

Thank you for thinking of the Council. I regret that we cannot respond more favorably. However, there is at least the slight possibility that we shall be contacting you later.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

May 16, 1961

Mrs. Julius H. Smith
1143 North Windomere
Dallas 8, Texas

Dear Mrs. Smith:

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This year we know we must face the responsibility of the church in these days of social change. We believe you have a contribution to make, and we hope you will find the Workshop of some help in your work.

We are enclosing some sheets that give you some idea of what has happened in the Workshop in the past.

We trust you will find it entirely convenient to be with us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

Enc. (2)
MET/jf

May 16, 1961

The Honorable James Roosevelt
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

The United Church Women of Georgia is having a difficult time because the National Council of Churches issued a statement against "Operation Abolition."

At Columbus, Georgia, the radio and television station sponsored by the Columbus paper has been most vicious in its attacks. What we need in this situation is a dozen copies of your speech, "The Dragon Slayers," which you gave to the House of Representatives on April 25.

Any other help you might give us would be gratefully received.

Sincerely thanking you,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/jf

May 16, 1961

Mrs. I. F. Reed
454 Pinedale Road
Auburn, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Reed:

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Sincerely,

MET/jf
Enc. (2)

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

May 16, 1961

Mr. Walter Reuther
President
United Automobile Workers of America
8000 East Jefferson Avenue
Detroit 14, Michigan

Dear Mr. Reuther:

The Southern Regional Council joins your friends everywhere in their salute to you on the twenty-fifth anniversary of your service to trade unionism. We do this not only because we recognize that strong, free unions are indispensable in a modern society. We are indebted to you also for being a challenging leader in all the concerns of American democracy and the world of free men. We are particularly mindful of your long and helpful interest in the South, and your devoted championing of civil rights.

With all good regards, and best wishes for many more years of leadership to labor and to the nation.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

May 16, 1961

Professor William Havard
Institut Fur Politische Wissenschaften
Der Universitat Munchen
Theresienstrasse 3-5/IV
Munich 2, Germany

Dear Bill:

It was very good of you to reply all the way from Germany to my request for a reprint of your article. I didn't know that you were in Munich. Congratulations on your Fullbright lectureship and also on the publication of your study of the Florida legislature in book form. I'll look forward to its announcement.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

May 16, 1961

Mr. Harry S. Jones
Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

Only Mrs. Tilly has read the Saturday Evening POST article to which you refer in your letter of May 15. As soon as the rest of us get a chance to read it, we will let you know whether we will be getting reprints.

Paul Rilling did say that John Morris of ESCRU asked about the possibility of getting reprints together.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

May 16, 1961

Mr. McNeill Smith
Suite 700
Jefferson Standard Building
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mac:

First of all, we are very pleased that the Commission on Civil Rights is reprinting the North Carolina reports. You have every reason to be proud of the work of your committee. This more prestigious form is altogether deserved and will also insure that your reports get wider attention.

I really have no suggestions to offer. The outline of your reports, plus the other plans indicated in your letter of May 4, seem to me to cover the ground excellently. The only possible suggestion that I would make is that in the introduction you might attempt a short characterization of the status of civil rights in North Carolina. This would be a general view or appraisal and might offer a helpful perspective particularly if related to other Southern states. I could well understand, however, if you would not want to attempt this.

"Equal Protection of the Law in Education in North Carolina, P. III, The Uneducated," is a first rate piece of work which I have read carefully and with much profit.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

May 16, 1961

Mrs. D. R. Freeman
901 Houston Street
Knoxville 14, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Freeman:

The Workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned-Southern Women Concerned About the South--will be held here in Atlanta at Clark College, November 6 and 7.

Heretofore, the leaders in the field of social action of the three faiths and both races have been the ones who shared in the Workshop. After consultation with Mrs. Mabel Morley, we feel it would be beneficial to all of us if this year the synodical presidents would be the ones to be invited. Therefore, we extend the invitation to you to share in the Workshop. We have funds to care for both your travel and entertainment.

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We trust you will find it entirely convenient to be with us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

Enc. (2)
MET/jf

May 17, 1961

The Rev. Aurelius Pinckney
Plymouth Congregational Church
1626 West Chestnut Street
Louisville 3, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Pinckney:

Thank you for your quarterly report which we found quite helpful. I hope you will let me know in somewhat more detail how the Council has been helpful to the students in Louisville. Your experience there might be helpful to other groups.

I think the Kentucky Council is right in line with the current emphasis with its special programming to deal with the merit employment problem. Do let me know whether local communities have responded to the offer of consultative assistance in merit employment by the Kentucky Council.

How is your membership campaign coming? How many members do you now have? Is there any way we can be of service?

We await Mr. Brimm's treasurer's report and will forward your quarterly grant when it is received.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

May 17, 1961

Mrs. Ben Russell
824 Tusculum Boulevard
Greeneville, Tennessee

Dear Jean:

I accept service on the SIA committee,as requested in your letter of May 11. For your information, may I recapitulate the responsibility which the Atlanta steering committee wanted this committee to consider:

1. Should SIA meetings be continued? Why?

2. What is the purpose of such consultations. If the meetings are continued, how can they be more effectively structured to obtain this purpose.

3. Should SIA affiliate itself or relate itself to NAIRO? Should it consider disbanding and channel clearing house efforts through the appropriate regional departments of NAIRO?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sn

May 17, 1961

Miss Marion Holbrook
American Friends Service Committee
1818 South Main Street
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Miss Holbrook:

We no longer mimeograph "Organizations and Personnel Engaged in Human Relations Activities in the South." We were not successful in getting organizations to keep the lists up to date, and decided it would be better not to run it at all than to have so many inaccuracies. We do keep an office copy for our own use, and would be glad to help you with any particular addresses you need.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Timothy Miller
Secretary to the Field
Director

May 17, 1961

Mr. Curtiss Todd, Chairman
Sub-Committee on Housing
N. C. Advisory Committee, U. S.
Commission on Civil Rights
Wachovia Bank & Trust Co. Bldg.
Winston-Salem, N. C.

Dear Mr. Todd:

We are mailing you today the requested copies of Daniel H. Pollitt"s The President's Powers in Areas of Race Relations: An Exploration, and our own The Federal Executive and Civil Rights. In each of these you will find a section on housing. We hope it will be helpful to you in preparing your report.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

May 17, 1961

Mr. Cornelius C. Tarplee
P. O. Box 853
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Neil:

Your suggestion of distributing Ben Muse's book among Virginia clergymen was interesting. What number do you think would be involved? The item is rather too expensive for us to distribute free except for a most advantageous purpose. On the other hand we might, as you suggest, look for outside subsidy. If any money is to be spent on free distribution, I am not sure that there will not be more justification in some of the lower South states. At any rate, I am glad to hear that you are planning to recommend it to the Episcopal bishops in Virginia and to your seminary and book stores. Let me have your other ideas.

Sincerely yours,

Lesliw W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf
Enclosure - 1.

cc: Mr. Benjamin Muse

May 17, 1961

Mr. Felix Rackow
Department of Political Science
Western Reserve University
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Felix:

Thank you for your letter. I noticed the other day in our reading file that you had also asked to be put on our mailing list. I was very glad to see that this had been taken care of.

The Southern Regional Council has been an interesting place for me and the South is an interesting place in which to work. I wish some time you might come down and visit us.

My best wishes to Jeanne and to you.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

Letter and clip filed, Research: KKK

May 17, 1961

Mr. Joe Dennis, Jr.
1102 Eighth Street
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Dear Mr. Dennis:

Thank you so very much for the clipping from your campus newspaper, The Crimson White, and the additional information in your letter. We had only meager reports as contained in the AP and UP press reports. Anyone doing research in this area will appreciate this local sentiment and information very much--and we have such people frequently. Our information files are available to students, professors, writers, journalist, etc. who are researching.

The editorial is indeed a good one, and especially to be published (and thought) in Alabama, where it takes real courage to express liberal ideas--or even to advocate fairness and moderation.

There is a series of articles on the Klan running in the Atlanta Journal now, by John Pennington, which is along the same lines as the editorial you sent. If you have not seen it and would like to, I can send you therma-fax copies when the series is completed.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

May 17, 1961

Mr. Will Allred
Apt. 107 C Bernard Street
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Will:

I am afraid that Harold has already gone. I am not sending YOUR ~~this~~ letter on to him but will attempt to answer it in his place. If you need to check more of the details with him, I would suggest you contact him by mail or telephone at the address on the enclosed sheet. In answer to your questions:

1. We last assisted the Texas Commission or Texas Council as it finally became known, in 1958. The board of directors of the Texas Council did not submit a request for financial assistance in 1959. Their staff director had taken a full time teaching position at the University of Texas by that time. The Texas Council still continues as a volunteer group, but without a director. We still maintain a tenuous liaison with them. I suppose the specific reason the aid was discontinued was the lack of staff. However, the files during 1957-58 do reflect some concern and dissatisfaction here about the Texas Council and its director. You will be interested to know that we are now providing modest assistance to the Houston Council on Human Relations, a local group which has employed staff. This group has the approval of the officers of the Texas Council, several of whom serve on the board of directors.

2. The minutes of the executive committee July 16-17, 1957, show the following resolution. "it is the concensus of this group that the Louisiana Council is not functioning properly, no application was made for a grant, and the Southern Regional Council will give no further aid to the Louisiana Council as presently staffed beyond October, 1957." It should be noted that the Louisiana Council was placed on a provisional status earlier, I don't know the exact date of provisional status. The files indicate that Fred Routh did not ~~consider~~ "the current role of the Louisiana Council to be satisfactory."

There also seems to have been some question concerning the competence and qualifications of the director.

3. You may have to check with Harold on this. I believe the CCD has de facto ceased to exist, although it has never said so. I believe there has been no activity as such by the CCD since their last joint meeting with Southern representatives in Washington in late 57 or Spring of 58. The MMC, as you know, continues to meet monthly, and Harold has attended once or twice a year when other business has taken him to New York. Harry Fleischman of the National Labor Service seems to coordinate this service.

4. This is one of those intangibles that you can't pin down. There was a massive assault on the Fund for the Republic by SRC which was eventually successful. Ashmore, as the Southern member of the Fund board and as a friend of SRC probably did carry the major role of interpretation with the Fund board. This is the best I can do through reminiscences of old times around here. This too you might want to check with Harold.

Sorry you decided not to go to Alabama, though I don't blame you.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

Daily File

May 17, 1961

Publications Department
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Gentlemen:

A local group called OASIS - Organizations Assisting Schools in September (its membership represents the various organizations concerned with preparing the community for orderly integration in Atlanta)-is compiling a bibliography of resource materials for use with community leaders. Herbert Hill's earlier *New Leader* article, "Violence Checks Southern Industry Boom" (April 14, 1958), would be particularly useful persuasive material, if it is still available in reprint form. I would be grateful if you would let me know at your earliest convenience if you now have reprints of this piece, and at what price it could be purchased in quantity by OASIS.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson

MM:s

May 17, 1961

Mrs. A. P. Miller
503 South 6 Street
Columbus, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Miller:

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Sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

ENC. (2)
MET/jf

May 17, 1961

Mr. Ray T. Eskew
Southern Division Manager
United Press International
1211 Williams Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Eskew:

Enclosed is a copy of an article originating from UPI here in Atlanta in which Carl Braden of Louisville, Kentucky, is identified as field secretary of the Southern Regional Council.

To set the record straight, Mr. Braden is and never has been connected with the Southern Regional Council in any capacity. It is well known that Mr. Braden worked with the Southern Conference Educational Fund.

I talked by telephone this morning with Mr. Dave Moffit of your office, but he indicated there is little that can be done to correct this error in papers it has appeared. To date, this is the only clipping which has turned up from our clipping service; but if the story was published widely, I expect we will be receiving additional copies.

Needless to say, the error came from careless reporting, editing or transmission of the UPI article over the wire. We trust your office will do everything it can to clear the record in regard to the error.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

Bc: Messrs. Dabbs & Wright

May 17, 1961

Mrs. Lucy Godwin
306 Sylvan Road
Fayetteville, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Godwin:

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Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

Enc. (2)
MET/jf

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Mrs. Carl M. Conrad
3839 State Street Drive
New Orleans 25, Louisiana

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Mrs. Kirton W. King
P. O. Box 1322
Rome, Georgia

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1223 Lisbon Street
Coral Gables, Florida

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Mrs. Lee W. Reynolds
1151 Hunter Street
Conway, Arkansas

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Mrs. James Pierce
Cox Mill Road
Hopkinsville, Kentucky

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Enc. (2)
MET/jf
cc Mabel Morley

May 18, 1961

Mrs. Will W. Griffin
City-wide Committee for Equal Services
4256 Holloway Drive
Knoxville 19, Tenn.

Dear Mrs. Griffin:

We have not made a survey on hospitals and health facilities in the South, and so the information we can send you is woefully incomplete and inadequate to your purpose. Such as it is, we hope you will find it of some help.

The North Carolina Advisory Committee to the Commission on Civil Rights has made a survey in North Carolina. It is to be published soon (it includes more than health); you might write to the chairman, McNeill Smith, and request a copy when it is available. In the meantime, I am sending you a thermafax copy of that committee's "outline" and the accompanying letter that went out to doctors requesting their cooperation. This may be of help in working our your own project.

The Atlanta Council on Human Relations has recently sent out letters to hospitals with questionnaires regarding their policies and practices. Not all hospitals replied, and a follow-up is in progress. When the results are tabulated I will send you a copy. I do know that Negro nurses train at St. Joseph's Hospital (Roman Catholic) and that the nurses serve as nurses to any patient who is admitted. The new DeKalb County Hospital has a ward for Negro patients and has Negro nurses for them.

I wonder if you know Mrs. John Hitch, director of the Knoxville Council on Human Relations? Her address is Box 1011, Knoxville. I believe she would be interested in this project and would be helpful both in the planning and the survey itself.

For background material, you might wish to read Dietrich C. Reitzes, Negroes and Medicine. It is a report of a survey on opportunities for Negroes in medicine, and the status of medical care for and by Negroes on the basis of a comparative analysis of 14 communities. Southern cities included are: Atlanta, Ga., New Orleans, La., Nashville, Tenn. The summary and conclusions are interesting. This does not include all the information you want in your own project, but it does give a fairly comprehensive idea of some factors and I believe you will find it helpful. If it is not in the public library, it probably would be in the university library. It was published in 1958 by Harvard University Press, Cambridge, Mass., and is $7.00.

We would be most interested in hearing the outcome of your survey, and if we can be of any further help please write again.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Enclosures:
thermafax, N. C. "outline"
" newsclips
CC: 1958 state outlines, from newsclips and thus incomplete
Press reports, Atlanta's Public Hospital: Grady Memorial and Spalding Pavilion

May 18, 1961

Mrs. Robert Ruffin
440 Prescott Street
Memphis, Tennessee

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Olanta
South Carolina

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May 18, 1961

Mr. Charles M. Day, Exec. Secretary
R. I. COMMISSION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION
Room 307 - STATE HOUSE
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Day:

Thank you for your order for 200 copies of the pamphlet "RACIAL VIOLENCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT". However, we would like to correct the price of the pamphlet; for one to fifty copies the cost is .25 each and for more than fifty copies .20 each. Therefore, we are holding your order in abeyance until we hear from you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) B. C. Cook
NEW SOUTH CLERK

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Re: Order #U60328

May 18, 1961

Mrs. R. K. M. Patterson
5100 Riverside Drive
Richmond 25, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Patterson:

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Enc. (2)
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May 18, 1961

Father Albert Foley
Spring Hill College
Mobile, Alabama

Dear Father Foley:

I received a copy of Dr. Kraus' letter to you of May 16. I responded to Rev. Oliver's memorandum back in January. I felt it well reasoned and deserving of an honest response. I don't believe I sent you a copy of my letter to Oliver at that time. In view of Kraus's comments, I am sending it to you now, leaving it up to your judgment whether or not it should be shared with Dr. Kraus.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Enclosures

P. S. We were concerned to see the Jeffersonian reprint. We don't at the moment see any constructive action to take, but will be happy to have your thinking on it. Hope you will alert John about the matter.

May 18, 1961

Bishop W. R. Wilkes
Morris Brown College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Bishop Wilkes:

This is a reminder of our phone conversation of Tuesday, which you asked me to send.

I was requesting a list of all AME ministers with their addresses, for a mailing in connection with the desegregation of public schools in the fall. The Atlanta Christian Council is doing the mailing next week to all ministers in the Atlanta area. The list should be sent to:

Dr. Loren Jenks
Atlanta Christian Council
163 Walton, S.W.
Atlanta

Thank you very much for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Timothy Miller
secretary to the Field
Director

May 18, 1961

Father Albert Foley
Spring Hill College
Mobile, Alabama

Dear Father Foley:

I remember that at the recent board meeting, there was some confusion concerning the conditions for matching funds for the Alabama Council.

I quote from our letter to you and Bob of December 5, 1960: "The funds will be made available to match dollar for dollar all local funds raised by the Alabama Council above $3,000 and up to a maximum local total of $5,400." In other words, you don't begin to claim matching funds until you get above $3,000 for funds raised since December first, exclusive of foundation or SRC grants. I hope this is clear. As I mentioned at the board meeting, the matching funds can be claimed as of June 1, 1961, and covering the period December 1 - June 1. In consideration of your particular circumstances, however, we would hope that you could meet these conditions by September and include funds raised between December 1, 1960 - September 1, 1961.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm
cc: Norman Jimerson
Dave Vann

May 18, 1961

Dr. Frederick W. Kraus
Dental Research Laboratory
Veterans Administration Hospital
700 South 19th Street
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Dr. Kraus:

Thank you for the copy of your letter to Father Foley of May 16. We had not seen the smear sheet reprinted previously.

I received a copy of Mr. Oliver's memorandum dealing with the relationship of race to the position of director of the Alabama Council. I thought it a thoughtful and useful memorandum and responded to it in a letter to Mr. Oliver. I believe I made it clear in that letter that matters of employment of state directors are in the hands of the state councils and that certainly the Southern Regional Council would not favor any qualification for such a position based on race. I believe I expressed my personal position at the most recent board meeting, namely, that I feel that all qualified candidates should be considered but that I feel it would make some difference in the way the Council would operate whether the director were white or Negro.

I certainly do not remember saying that "only whites may be considered" at any meeting and certainly this statement does not conform either to my views or to those of the Southern Regional Council.

I hope that I have not contributed inadvertently to any misunderstandings on this matter. I hope that the new director will merit the support of the full membership of the Council and that he will provide the kind of leadership that is so sorely needed in this kind of crisis.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm
cc: Father Foley

May 19, 1961

The Rev. Robert Hughes
57 Sycamore Street
Roslindale, Massachusetts

Dear Bob:

Paul Rilling asked me to inquire whether you could remember ever receiving the original of the enclosed. You wrote once asking why we had not acknowledged receipt of the copy of yuur letter to Fleischman, but your letter crossed Paul's answer in the mail, and you never again mentioned it in correspondence. The reason for asking is that the *Jeffersonian* has reproduced the letter in their April publication, complete with letterhead and signature, and we are trying to determine whether it was most likely intercepted in the mail or "borrowed" from your office files. They also attacked SRC and the Alabama with the same old 'Red' charges and claimed the letter as proof that these organizations had been planning for two years to dynamite plans for the Civil War celebration. There was no mention of John McConnell in the comments, but I feel certain he will hear repercussions.

Please let us hear from you as soon as possible. We are investigation with lawyers and the Alabama Council whether or not any case of mail fraud should be brought.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Mrs. Timothy Miller

P.S. Trust you saw Birmingham exposed last night, on Face the Nation. Paul was in Montgomery and it was not shown, probably not in Birmingham either! I never realized so many white pemple could be so willfully blind.

May 19, 1961

Bishop John Owen Smith
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Bishop Smith:

I do hope you have some time open on November 6 or 7 to come to Clark College and speak to "The Fellowship of the Concerned-Southern Women Concerned About the South." There will be about 150 from twelve Southern states. These women are leaders in social action in Jewish, Catholic and our Protestant denominations--and both races will be represented. Mrs. Thelma Stevens, Mrs. Wilcox and the conference president and secretaries of Christian Social Relations of our juridiction will be with us.

The Workshop begins at 10 A.M. on November 6 and ends at noon on the 7th. We would fit the time to your convenience. It would be wonderful to have you give us your sermon on "the little foxes eating the grapes" or something along this line, at 11 A.M. on the 6th. If this hour is not convenient, let us know what time would be.

I am enclosing some information about "The Fellowship of the Concerned." I went by your office this morning but you were away.

We want you and we need you.

I doubt if any Methodist in Georgia appreciates your great ministry here in Georgia more than I do. It is marvelous to have a Bishop who can give so much time to the last and least of us, and give us messages current to our present social changes. Surely, you have come to the Kingdom for such an hour...

My husband has been very seriously ill since Christmas,,and my heart and my hands have been full so I missed the fellowship with you and Mrs. Smith that I really want to have.

Sincerely hoping you can do this great service for our South, I remain,

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

Enc.
MET/jf

May 22, 1961

Mr. A. J. McClung
Ninth Street Y.M.C.A.
521 - 9th Street
Columbus, Georgia

Dear Mr. McClung:

All of us here are so horrified and heartsick over the week-end events in Montgomery that it is difficult to concentrate on routine efforts to make some progress--but I guess the only way to have any sort of hopeful future is for all of us to just keep working at it in all the ways that we can. I sometimes wish I could just resign from the human race!

Enclosed is the material you requested on Negro police employment in the South. The latest, and most complete, is the article by Elliott M. Rudwich which was published in the Spring, 1961 issue of The Journal of Negro Education and which I mentioned to you. He has used our own material as background in reporting his own study, but I am sending you the statistical tables so that you can compare the past with the present. I hope this will be helpful. Under separate cover I am mailing an old publication of ours that gives information from 1945 to 1954.

Best wishes on your efforts in Columbus.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Enclosed:
thermafax copies, Rudwick study,
New South, 1947 and 1949 surveys
New South, 1950, 1952, 1953

Mailed separately: Changing Patterns in the New South

May 22, 1961

The Rev. Henry Y. Sideboard
Sidney Park C.M.E. Church
1114 Blanding Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Sideboard:

In response to your request of May 19 regarding information on Negro policemen and Negro firemen in Southern cities, I am enclosing some material which I hope will be helpful. Also, under separate cover, I am sending an old publication of ours, Changing Patterns in the New South, which contains an article written in 1947 on Negro police. The accompanying table gives statistical totals for the years 1945 to 1954.

The latest information we know about is the enclosed thermafax copy of an article by Elliott M. Rudwick in the Spring, 1961 issue of The Journal of Negro Education. It is fairly complete and includes most of the older material (which he obtained from us before beginning his own survey).

The information on Negro firemen is not as complete, but is all we have at this time. I'm also enclosing some information on Negro municipal employees.

If we can be of any further help, please write us again.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Enclosed:
  thermafax copy, Rudwick article
  thermafax copy, 1947 and 1949
    survey statistics
  New South, 1950, 1952, 1953 statistical tables
   "   "   1952, Negro Firemen
   "   "   1951, Negro Municipal workers
Mailed separately: Changing Patterns in the New South

May 22, 1961

Mr. Joseph Haas
1116 First National Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

Paul Rilling asked that I send the enclosed letter and reprint to you. He would appreciate it very much if you would look over them and give him your opinion on what, if any, action ought to be taken. He will call you about an appointment later.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Timothy Miller
secretary to Paul Rilling

Enclosures

May 22, 1961

Miss Gladys D. Rawlins
Executive Secretary
The Committee on Race Relations
Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the
Religious Society of Friends
160 North 15th Street
Philadelphia 2, Pa.

Dear Miss Rawlins:

We are pleased to quote you prices on the Hill, This I Believe publication. The cost to us was .02 each, and we sell it for cost, in any quantity, plus postage.

We have added your organization to our mailing list to receive subsequent publications, as requested. This does not include NewSouth, our monthly magazine; the subscription price is $2.00 per year. A sample copy is enclosed, along with a publication list for your information.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Enclosure:
publications' list
New South

May 22, 1961

Mrs. H. M. Perry
Administrative secretary
Race Relations Department
Fisk University
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Mrs. Perry:

We are mailing you the requested 200 copies of McMillan, Racial Violence and Law Enforcement. The cost will be .20 each (in quantity), or $40.00. We are enclosing with this order the requested copies (in sample quantities) of New South at no additional charge.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

May 23, 1961

Dr. L. B. Allen
President
Bluefield State College
Bluefield, West Virginia

Dear Dr. Allen:

I regret that my June calendar is already too crowded to enable me to work with the Community Resources Workshop next month. I appreciate your invitation and would find it an exciting assignment if time permitted. I hope we can work together some time in the future.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

May 23, 1961

Mr. William Bagwell
American Friends Service Committee
1218 South Main Street
H.P. ~~Greensboro~~, North Carolina

Dear Bill:

I will be arriving via EAL flight 328 at 5:41 p. m. Friday. I would appreciate your meeting me, but can contact your office on arrival if you are otherwise involved.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

May 23, 1961

Dr. Herman Long
Department of Race Relations
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Herman:

I am planning to be at the Institute during the second week, if events permit. I will be happy to give one of the morning talks that week on whichever day would fit best into your schedule. I don't know what would be best to focus on either, but we can worry about this in a couple of weeks when time and the march of events may indicate a good choice of topics.

Send me about 50 brochures, unless you have already sent copies to state directors. If so, let me know.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

May 23, 1961

Mr. Norman Williams
5 River Street
Woodstock, Vermont

Dear Mr. Williams:

Thank you for your letter of May 7. I apologize for my tardiness in answering. I have been traveling of late and, as you can probably note from the press, things have been fairly busy down this way.

It is always heartening to hear from someone with a strong concern about these matters and who is willing to consider implementing this concern. Unfortunately, there are still shockingly few jobs available in the South in the field of race relations. There are, for instance, more specialists in the city of Detroit than in all of the southeastern states put together. This derives from the difficulty of trying to raise funds in the South to support this kind of work. Even so, as the jobs become available, they are not easy to fill adequately.

Your background is varied and interesting and reflects considerable contact with problems of intergroup relations. Your lack of Southern exposure would be somewhat of a weakness, but one learns fast down here. I don't know of a position open at the moment, but they do turn up fairly regularly and I hope you will let us keep in touch with you so that we can consider specific opportunities as they arise. We have, for instance, filled three positions in our general set-up this year.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

May 23, 1961

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Frankly, there are no plans for a NAIRO conference for the Southern region this year. I say this with some mild embarrassment, since I am the chairman for this region. My feeling has been that with the Southwest in one NAIRO region and with Nashville and Washington in another region, there would be very few resources available for a Southern region conference. My more important reason for failing to convene a conference is the belief that the Southern Interagency conference which meets quarterly here fulfills many of the purposes of a regional meeting. This is probably a little unfortunate to state and local staff in the region. I talked to John Lassoe about this recently and we do think it would be timely to attempt a Southern meeting sometime in the late fall, or more probably, next spring.

I appreciate your comments on my question concerning sending the newsletter to state board members and local officers. I think your suggestion is sound, however, I think we will not change our procedure unless we get more reaction on the idea. To date, you are the only director who has commented either way.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

May 24, 1961

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
Executive Director
The New World Foundation
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Vernon:

We have read the "Prospectus for a Southern Sit-in Leaders Seminar," and can offer a few comments which, hopefully, may be helpful to you.

The objective of bringing sit-in leaders into serious reflection on their movement is first rate. I do not imply that they have acted or are acting thoughtlessly, but only that self-analysis is as necessary as it is hard during a hectic time, and there is a strong prima facie case, therefore, for a seminar directed toward such an end. The seminar ought, I should think, not become another pep meeting. The objective would be, as we understand it, quiet study and reflection: advisers, staff, lecturers, and site should be carefully chosen with this in mind.

(Parenthetically--and gratuitously--, I might observe that one hopeful outcome of the seminar would be an awareness of at least some of the mistakes and misstatements in the "Background" section of the Prospectus.)

In selecting the 15 student leaders, an effort should be made to get beyond the handful of persons who have to date received the most attention. The southern office of the National Student Association would be particularly well able to advise here.

There are a number of excellent people who could be involved either as advisers or lecturers. Some of them are:

Carl Holman, Professor of English, Clark College, and Editor, The Atlanta Inquirer, Atlanta

Kenneth Morland, Professor of Sociology, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg

Stephen Wright, President of Fisk University, Nashville

John Hope II, Race Relations Institute, Fisk University

Kelly Miller Smith, minister, 319 Eighth Avenue North, Nashville

Rupert Picott, Executive Secretary, Virginia Teachers' Association, 316 E. Clay Street, Richmond

Theodore Gibson, rector, and president of Dade County NAACP, P. O. Box 6345, Station B, Miami 36, Fla. (Put "personal" on envelope, if you should write him, so it will be forwarded; he is often out of town.)

Edward Graham, minister, 356 N. W. 9th Street, Miami, and/president Dade County NAACP
former

Paul Rilling, Field Director, SRC

Eric Lincoln, Professor of Sociology, Clark College, Atlanta, Ga.

A chap who might be a possible director is Jim Laue. Jim is a graduate student at Harvard, working under Gordon Allport and Tom Pettigrew. He has been studying the sit-in movement at first hand and from the beginning. Able, likeable, energetic.

You are, of course, in a better position than we to reach an opinion about the budget.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:A

May 24, 1961

Mrs. G. D. Sullivan
Route 1, Box 103-B
Woodville, Texas

Dear Mrs. Sullivan:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, the requested copy of School Desegregation: the first six years and also two other items which you may find useful in your campaign to change attitudes in your community: Hill's, "This I Believe" and Price, The Negro and the Ballot in the South.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Daily file

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

MEMORANDUM May 24, 1961

To: Members of Executive Committee

From: Leslie W. Dunbar

A proposal has been put before us, by the Stern Family Fund, which offers the Council an opportunity to perform a useful national service. The proposal also, however, would lead SRC into new paths and would add new demands on our staff.

For these reasons, I want by means of this letter to acquaint you fully with the proposal. The staff has discussed the matter at length and, with reservations which will be mentioned later, favors its acceptance.

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The Stern Family Fund has become interested in providing a center for foreign visitors to TVA. Particularly in the underdeveloped regions of the world, TVA is one of the brightest and best known aspects of American life. Possibly no place in the country, other than Washington and New York, is more eagerly visited. Despite the coolness of the last administration, foreign visitors numbered 2,543 in 1959 and 2,056 in 1960; all of these were travelling under some sort of official sponsorship. TVA officials expect a marked increase, now that a sympathetic administration will be encouraging visits; the Authority is, in fact, now adding a second full-time staff person to coordinate visits, and in other ways is enlarging its plans. Of the total number of visitors, 100 in 1959 and 74 in 1960 were "trainees," staying for from 1 to 13 weeks each, with an average of 6 weeks. The remaining, or so-called "general study," visitors stayed from 1 to 14 days, tending to average about 3 days.

TVA officials estimate that about 2/3 of the visitors are from underdeveloped countries of Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Some number of American college students also are brought to TVA for special courses.

We were approached by the Stern Family Fund about two weeks ago regarding the possibility that SRC might operate a center in the Knoxville vicinity for these sponsored visitors who are, as was pointed out, chiefly from abroad. Last Thursday (May 18) I went, on invitation, to Washington and met for several hours with Helen Hill Miller. Mrs. Miller (wife of SRC Board member Francis P. Miller) has had the leadership within the Fund on this matter. Harold Fleming sat in for a part of the discussion. On Friday morning I met for a second lengthy conference with Aubrey J. Wagner, TVA Board member and former General Manager; Marguerite Owen, TVA representative in Washington; Roy Mc Corkle and Earl Edwards, American Friends Service Committee; Mrs. Miller; and Harold. From this second meeting I obtained clear assurances that TVA is thoroughly--almost beseechingly--interested in the undertaking and desirous of working intimately with the proposed center.

The idea is to lease a suitable facility in or near Knoxville, where lodging, food, and planned program would be available for sponsored visitors to TVA. Visitors travel on per diem usually, and would therefore be expected to pay for their keep. The operation could not possibly, however, be self-sustaining. Subsequent to my visit to Washington, the Board of the Stern Family Fund met and approved a five-year project, granting up to $75,000-a-year for the first three years, $60,000 for the fourth, and $50,000 for the fifth. The Board also gave Mrs. Miller discretionary authority to select a private agency to receive the grant and assume full charge of the center: we are the chosen agency.

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There are a number of considerations which cause the staff to recommend this undertaking to you.

(1) We would perform a distinct national service. TVA has its own orientation program which pretty well takes up the day. There remain the after hours and the week-ends. These foreign guests are sometimes people of importance in their countries, more often the important persons of tomorrow. SRC would have the opportunity, through good programs and warm hospitality, to introduce them to the United States and to be a means of communicating to them a sense of our values and beliefs; we would also have the chance to attract their good will toward the United States.

(2) We would have an opportunity to interpret the South to strangers.
Somehow I find very appealing the prospect of these people being welcomed and attended by the South, represented by the Southern Regional Council.

(3) SRC has special qualifications for the task.
Our long experience in racial relations equips us uniquely well for operating a center serving a large proportion of non-whites.

(4) Incidental benefits.
Although the primary purpose would always have first claim, there is a likelihood that the center could be used for various others of our activities.

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On the other hand, there are some strong cautions.

(1) Our inexperience in operation of a lodge.
Probably the only prudent measure would be to contract with a concessionaire to manage the housekeeping and the kitchen.

(2) The difficulty of recruiting able staff persons to conduct program activities.
We can only do our best. The American Friends Service Committee has pledged support and counsel in recruiting staff and planning program.

(3) Distraction of the Atlanta office from its main tasks.
This is, to my mind, the strongest cause of concern. The staff has discussed this at length and is alert to the risk. The best answer is to find responsible staff for the Knoxville center. I would not, however, want the Executive Committee to believe that operation of the center would not add something to the cares of the Atlanta office; nor that it might not be a factor which, added to others, might require enlargement of Atlanta staff. This is not a prediction, and certainly not a hope; it is a warning of a result which is at least possible.

(4) Provision of the center would take a burden off the conscience of Knoxville and environs regarding racial discrimination.
At present, the two largest Knoxville hotels accept non-white foreigners at the request of TVA. Meals are not available at those hotels or the restaurants. If the only, or chief, purpose of the center were to provide non-discriminatory treatment, I would not be in favor of it: Knoxville needs to solve that one itself. The purpose would be the different one, of giving these visitors cordiality, and to help them in understanding America.

(5) What happens after the five years?
I have told Mrs. Miller that, if SRC accepts, there will be no commitment, express or implied, that SRC will continue after the Stern grant ends or will in any way commit itself to raise support from other quarters. If the project is a success, we would want it to continue; we would not, however, be committed morally or in any other way.

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There remains a number of practical problems. The two chief ones are:

(1) Location of a desirable place.

TVA is making a thorough canvass of the area, and the choice would be made by SRC, in consultation with TVA and Stern.

(2) A professional budget analysis and forecast to assure us in advance that the Stern grant would be a sufficient subsidy; this can be done only after a site has been selected and the rent is known. Mrs. Miller is hopeful that the analysis may be done without charge by the General Services Administration, at TVA's request. In the event it cannot be, I have told her that we would want Stern to consider paying for a private consultant to do the job.

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Before these two problems are met and explored, I would like to ascertain your opinions regarding the project.

- Do you favor it in principle?

Would you please call me, if possible, by Friday, May 26, with your reply?*

If you concur with the staff in favoring the idea, we shall proceed with site selection and with obtaining advice on the financial picture. The staff will then be in a position to make a final recommendation.

It was the opinion of the staff that you should be convened in a special meeting to consider the financial analysis and to make the final decision. If you would prefer to handle this entirely by phone, or would want to delegate to the staff the authority to evaluate the financial picture and decide, please tell me when you call.

This memorandum accurately reflects, I believe, the staff analysis and consensus regarding the proposal. It only remains for me to add my personal view, which is that this presents an opportunity we ought not to miss both for service to the nation and for the strengthening of SRC.

With best wishes.

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*The reason for the hurry is simple: Stern first put this proposal before the Friends Service Committee, and gave it several months to consider. Finally, in late April, the Friends decided they could not decide. Both Stern and TVA are anxious now to move at once.

May 24, 1961

Dr. Rufus Harris
President
Mercer University
Macon, Georgia

Dear Dr. Harris:

I read with great interest the news report (May 22 Atlanta Journal) of your address to the Atlanta Rotary Club. If you have an extra copy, I should like very much to read the entire address.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:a

May 24, 1961

Gen. Lucius D. Clay
Chairman of the Board
Continental Can Co.
100 East 42nd Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear General Clay:

I read with great interest the news report (May 22 Atlanta Journal) of your address at a luncheon meeting of theGovernor's Conference on Trade and Commerce. If you have an extra copy of your address, I should like very much to read it.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:a

May 24, 1961

Profeseor Daniel S. Claster
Department of Sociology
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Professor Claster:

We are mailing you today, under separate cover, the requested four copies of McMillan, Racial Violence and Law Enforcement. Any comments you may have would be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

May 24, 1961

Mr. John H. Greenfieldt
Assistant Comptroller
The Rockefeller Foundation
111 West 50th Street
New York 20, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Greenfieldt:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 17 and your check in the amount of $50,000, as payment in full of the Foundation's grant to us for 1961. We shall, as indicated in our letter of May 4, report to you soon after December 31, 1961, receipts and expenditures under the grant.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:a
Enclosure: official receipt

May 24, 1961

The Honorable Charles C. Diggs, Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman Diggs:

Thank you so much for your letter of May 18, enclosing a copy of President Kennedy's letter to you. I need not tell you that we read the latter with real pleasure. We have been gratified by the interest which the departments and agencies of the new administration have taken in our report, The Federal Executive and Civil Rights, and even more gratified by the executive actions which have occurred since January 20.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:a

May 24, 1961

Dr. A. E. Manley
President
Spelman College
350 Leonard Street S. W.
Atlanta 14, Ga.

Dear Dr. Manley:

We are pleased to send you the requested ten copies of Dr. Hill's "This I Believe". There is no charge.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:a

May 24, 1961

Mrs. E. A. Davidson
2721 Southwood Lane
Jacksonville 7, Florida

Dear Mrs. Davidson:

We are pleased to send you the requested 10 copies of Dr. Hill's "This I Believe." The cost to us was .02 each, and we are charging only cost for them in any quantity.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

May 25, 1961

Mr. Frank Loescher
United States-South Africa Leader
Exchange Program
101 South 39th Street
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Loescher:

I am responding to your letter of May 23 to Mr. Anthony, who is away from the office.

Enclosed is an up-to-date list of our state councils which will furnish you with addresses for both the South Carolina and Virginia Councils. Paul Rilling is no longer in Virginia but is now with SRC here in Atlanta. The Virginia Council is now, or will soon be, without a director. However, if you are seeking the services of that Council, Dr. Thomas Henderson who is chairman will be of whatever service he can to you I'm sure.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to the Director

MCF

May 25, 1961

Mr. Albert G. Varrelman
Deputy Director
International Association of
Chiefs of Police, Inc.
Mills Building
Pennsylvania Avenue at 17th Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Varrelman:

We are pleased to send you today, under separate cover, the requested twelve copies of Racial Violence and Law Enforcement for use in the training programs for foreign police officials.

If we can be of any further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

May 25, 1961

The Reverend B. Clayton Bell
Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church
2269 Chapel Road
Birmingham 9, Alabama

Dear Mr. Bell:

We are pleased to receive your letter of May 23rd with your request that copies of Racial Violence and Law Enforcement be mailed to the list of seven Alabama Presbyterian ministers. We are mailing these out today, and there is no charge; we are grateful to you for giving us this opportunity to reach this influential citizens of Alabama.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

May 25, 1961

The Reverend James F. Keller
Pineville Presbyterian Church
Pineville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Keller:

We are mailing you today the requested 100 copies of Dr. Hill's "This I Believe." The cost of this reproduction of Dr. Hill's speech was .02 each; or $2.00 for the 100 copies.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

May 25, 1961

Mr. Malcolm R. MaClean
Office of the Mayor
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mr. MaClean:

We have mailed you today 23 copies of Lunch-Counter Desegregation in Corpus Christi, Galveston, and San Antonio, Texas, by Kenneth Morland. This is all we have at this time. We will be running off another supply in the next few days and will send you the other two copies for which you paid. You will note that I also included a copy of Settling a Sit-in, by Wallace Westfeldt (Nashville, Tenn.); I thought if you had not seen this you might be interested in reading it also.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

May 25, 1961

Mr. Herbert L. Wright
Youth Secretary
N.A.A.C.P.
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wright:

We have read with great interest the news release and the monthly reports for March and April of the NAACP Youth and College Division. Thank you for sending them to us. We would appreciate it very much if we could be included in your regular mailing list to receive these reports each month, for our research files. This kind of factual, brief, and objective reporting is rare. and valuable.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: Ben Muse May 25, 1961

FROM: L.W. Dunbar

Some how we missed the review in the Constitution of your book. We were unable to get a back copy and have had to copy the review from the paper; enclosed.

I am very glad that you will take some much deserved vacation from July 10 - 22.

I spent a most pleasant evening at your home. Please give my regards to Mrs. Muse and my compliments for a marvelous dinner.

Enclosed is my memorandum to the Executive Committee regarding the foreign visitor center.

LWD/mf

May 25, 1961

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
New World Foundation
475 Riverside Drive
New York, New York

Dear Vernon:

I hate to put you to further trouble, but I am afraid I will have to ask your secretary to cancel reservations you have made for me to Washington on June 9. I have an appointment with Max Hahn at 10:00 that morning and I'm afraid an 11:25 flight would be cutting things too close. Eastern's flight 565 leaves from Idlewild for Richmond at 1:40 pm and I believe I had better take it. I am sorry to miss riding down with you, and with you and Harold from Washington, but I will see you at Capahesic and also in your office on June 8 at 10:00 am.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Lesliw W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

May 25, 1961

Mrs. Clifford Durr
17 Molton Street Building
Montgomery 4, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Durr:

The following paragraph comes from an official of the Department of Defense. I believe you will find it both self-explanatory and disappointing.

> "Much attention, both specific and general, is being given now to items such as those recounted in your letter of April 13th concerning Chaplain's Day at Maxwell Air Force Base. Despite recent incidents, I feel that assurance can be given first that these matters are not being overlooked and second that assistance of a general nature will be forthcoming."

I shall not let it rest at this point.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

May 26, 1961

Rev. William O. Byrd
First Methodist Church
3401 Canal Street
New Orleans 19, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Byrd:

Thank you for your letter concerning the article. We do indeed plan to print the article, but have run into delay due to the necessity of printing materials which could change quickly. Your article is already in type and has been for some time and so we are just waiting until we have adequate space. We will send you a number of copies when the reprint appears.

We do appreciate your interest in NEW SOUTH and our subscription clekk will enter your subscription.

I am returning the article which you requested in your earlier letter. We will not need the original now since the article is in type and has been proof read.

Again thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Enclosure

May 26, 1961

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Maysville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

We have received from the Field Foundation the $4,000 designated for your research work. A copy of their letter of transmittal is enclosed. For our purposes, we have labeled this the "Southern History Project."

We are prepared to send you this amount on request. There are, however, special tax rulings pertaining to the individual on grants of this nature. I am not familiar with them but it occurs to us that you might want to check with a tax attorney or someone else knowledgable in these matters before deciding on how to handle the matter. It might, for instance, be to your advantage to receive a portion of this grant during 1961 and the remainder in 1962. We will be happy to handle the matter as you advise.

For our own purposes, the federal government keeps a rather close watch on the handling of funds by tax-exempt agencies to determine that officers of an agency do not take advantage of the agency for their personal gain. We have no problem here since this is clearly a legitimate research project in our area of interest, financed by a sound foundation after careful consideration, and conducted by a generally recognized authority. However, to leave no doubt in the matter, we are setting up a file on the project. It would be well, if you will, for you to submit occasional reports on the progress of the project, the libraries visited, etc.

I apologize for having to submit these details to you and trust that they won't bother you unduly.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA:A

May 26, 1961

MEMO

TO: BM

FROM: LWD

I talked with Dave Freeman today. He has read your latest report regarding the possibility of providing consultant services in the labor and management field. He is most interested. I'll be calling on him in New York June 7th. It would be very fine to have something more on this matter to discuss with him then. If you have any chance to go into it more deeply before then, I should be ~~gxxkxfxx~~ grateful.

May 26, 1961

Dean Robert H. Spiro
College of Liberal Arts
Mercer University
Macon, Georgia

Dear Dean Spiro:

We are mailing you today the requested 100 copies of Dr. Hill's "This I Believe." The cost to us was .02 each, or $2.00 for the 100 copies.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

May 26, 1961

Dr. Helen F. Storen
Professor of Education
Queens College
Flushing 67, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Storen:

We have mailed you today, to the Lady of the Lakes College, San Antonio, Texas, the requested supply of materials for a Human Relations Workshop. I hope that you will find them useful and helpful.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Mailed separately:

Background Report on School Desegregation for 1960-61
Goodman, Report on Virginia's Private Schools
School Desegregation: the first six years
Student Protest Movement, Winter 1960
Price, Toward a Solution of the Sit-in Controversy
McMillan, Racial Violence and Law Enforcement
Westfeldt, Settling a Sit-in (Nashville)
Spearman & Meyer, Racial Crisis and the Press
Tarplee, The Church in Areas of Racial Crisis
Hill, This I Believe

May 26, 1961

Mr. Harold Kilpatrick
Executive Secretary
Texas Council of Churches
504 West 24th Street
Austin 5, Texas

Dear Mr. Kilpatrick:

Enclosed is our check for $1,200, representing a contribution to the Texas Council of Churches to be used to meet a portion of the expenses of the Council's Race Relations Progress Study. We note your letter of tax exemption, dated December 7, 1954.

At your convenience would you please acknowledge receipt of this contribution.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA:A

Enclosure:
Check #3174, $1,200.

May 26, 1961

Mr. John Yungblut
Friends Center
1384 Fairview Road
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear John:

I did not realize I was supposed to be a leader in the New Orleans affair. I had thought I was attending to sit in and make contacts. I certainly would be glad to be helpful in any way, but would rather not be considered a co-leader.

I am enclosing a copy of the letter I sent to people in Alabama, along with the list. I think it would be a good idea if you would invite Mrs. Betty Wisdom (413 Hillary Street, N.O.). She has been active in SOS and is very concerned; also Henry Cabirac, Director of the new Catholic Council on Human Relations (P.O. Box 4366, N.O. 18).

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm
Enclosures

May 26, 1961

Father Albert Foley
Spring Hill College
Mobile, Alabama

Dear Father Foley:

The enclosed meeting is organized primarily for persons in Mississippi and Louisiana who will be considering how they may improve the civil rights situation in their states. In view of recent developments, however, the American Friends Service Committee feels that it would be particularly helpful this year to include a few persons from Alabama in the meeting. We would therefore like to invite you to attand if possible and ask that you return the enclosed card.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm
Enclosure

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List of Alabama names for John Yungblut's New Orleans, AFSC meeting

The Rev. S. S. Seay
Madison Park
Montgomery, Alabama

The Rev. Ralph Abernathy
347 North Ripley Street
Montgomery 4, Alabama

The Rev. Joseph Lowry
Warren Street Methodist Church
Mobile, Alabama

The Rev. Carl Landes
South Union College
Wadley, Alabama

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Anderson
3239 Gilmer Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dr. C. G. Gomillion
President
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee, Ala.

Mr. David Vann
2100 Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Ala.

The Rev. Welton Gregory
202 Hilltop Terrace
Montgomery, Ala.

The Rev. C. Herbert Oliver
55 18th Avenue South
Birmingham, Ala.

Father Albert Foley
Spring Hill College
Mobile, Alabama

May 26, 1961

Mr. Henry Hill
Grant Hall
Morris Brown College
643 Hunter Street, N.W.
Atlânta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Hill:

I am very sorry not to have written you earlier. You will remember that I promised to send you information on where to order an article on the Student Protest Movement, Bushnell's "Passive Insistence - Its Principles and Procedures, Its Promise and Its Peril." I had hoped that a few copies might become available for our distribution, but it looks as though this is not to be the case. It can be ordered from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, however, as the brief digest in the enclosed New South indicates.

I hope this information is not too tardy to be of use to you.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson

Enc: April, 1961, New South
MM:s

May 26, 1961

Dr. C. H. Parrish
Department of Sociology
University of Louisville
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Parrish:

A local organization called OASIS - Organizations Assisting Schools in September (until very recently it was known as BLOB - a name more to my liking)-is quite anxious to obtain background on a group mentioned in Carmichael and James' "The Louisville Story" (page 68) - "Youth Speaks." (This citation mentions that Mrs. James Tate was President of Youth Speaks in 1955.) We have nothing at all in our files on the group, but I promised to write you for any background or leads on persons who might supply background that you might be able to supply. OASIS is, of course, eager to obtain the information immediately; they want to know how it was organized, purpose, scope, function during Louisville's school desegregation, etc. Can you help?

Thanks.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson

MM:s

P.S. I suppose it's obvious that OASIS hopes to bring about the organization of an interracial youth group here in Atlanta prior to desegregation this fall, and it is for this purpose the background data is needed.

May 29, 1961

Mr. C. G. Gordon Moss
Longwood College
Farmville, Virginia

Dear Mr. Moss:

Thank you for your letter concerning Dr. Hill's article.

You have our permission for the newspaper to reprint Dr. Hill's article, and we notice you already have secured Dr. Hill's permission.

We wish you success in your effort. *The Farmville Herald* would be an excellent medium for the article if the editor sees fit to print it.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/mf

COPY

May 29, 1961

Bishop Joseph Brunini
123 North West Street
Jackson, Mississippi

My dear Bishop Brunini:

I was very glad that you were able to stop in on Thursday of last week and hope that you will get to Atlanta more often in the future.

I was very much struck by your point regarding the need for some form of affiliation of the Mississippi liberals. We shall have to give this some real thought.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/mf

May 30, 1961

Lt. H. A. Poole
Box 1456
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Lt. Poole:

As per your request by telephone, we are mailing you two copies of "School Desegregation: the First Six Years."

If we can be of additional aid, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Enclosures (2)

May 30, 1961

The Rev. William K. Williams
Florida Council on Human Relations
4241 S. W. 109th Court
Miami 35, Florida

Dear Bill:

Let me know when would be most convenient for you to reschedule my trip to Florida. Is there another board or executive committee meeting coming up soon?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

May 30, 1961

Mr. Irving Schulman
Anti-Defamation League
535 Gravier Street, Suite 806
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Irv:

I have been thinking that the time is coming, perhaps by next fall, when we might take some initiative in planning together some sort of interracial group or consultation which would involve Negro leadership, some of the old white liberals and some of the new blood that has come up through the public school movement. I remember at the recent Interagency meeting you remarked that you were planning to call together representatives from a number of concerned groups. I do not want to cut across your plans and wonder what your thinking is. I inevitably tend to think in terms of organizing a community wide Council on Human Relations, but this is a matter of habit and there might be better ways of achieving the same objective. I would not want to compete with Cabirac's effort, though I think that a secular or interfaith organization might serve some purpose sooner or later. Let me know your reactions.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

May 30, 1961

Mr. Saal Lesser
Encampment for Citizenship
2 West 64th Street
New York 23, New York

Dear Saal:

We have received a letter from Bill Williams of the Florida Council on Human Relations concerning a possible participant in the Encampment this summer. As the relatively new field director of SRC, I am not sure whether the old scholarship arrangement was terminated or whether it is still in effect. At any rate, I hope you can consider some help for Mr. Freeman and that you will let me know if we should have some responsibility for handling this in any way.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

MISS

May 30, 1961

Mrs. Florence C. Harris, Correlator
National Board, YWCA
Southern Region
41 Exchange Place, S.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Harris:

We would appreciate it if you would send us a list of those to be invited to the Workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned which will be held November 6 and 7.

We have funds for travel and entertainment for two from each of the southern states. However, we wish you would send at least four names from each state and mark your first and second choice.

Thanking you.

Sincerely,

MET/jf

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

May 30, 1961

Mr. Arthur Levin
Anti-Defamation League
41 Exchange Place, S.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Levin:

We would appreciate it if you would send us a list of those to be invited to the Workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned which will be held November 6 and 7.

We have funds for travel and entertainment for two from each of the southern states. However, we wish you would send at least four names from each state and mark the first and second choice.

Thanking you,

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/jf

May 30, 1961

Mrs. Neva J. Dennis
530 Jones Street
Elberton
Georgia

Dear Mrs. Dennis:

It is always very difficult for me to secure a list of the C.M.E. women to be invited to the Fellowship of the Concerned.

The Workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned will be held at Clark College on November 6 and 7. We need to get our invitation to the presidents of the following states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, the Carolinas, Mississippi, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

I would ceretainly appreciate hearing from you at once.

Sincerely,

MET/jf

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

May 30, 1961

Mrs. Sadie Potter
1616 Ezra Church Drive
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Potter:

I have tried to contact you by telephone and have been unable to reach you.

I have a list of people sent by Mrs. Margaret T. May, but I do not have Mrs. May's address. She is one of our national officers I know, and I need to contact her.

Please call 522-8764 and ask for my secretary.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/jf

May 31, 1961

Air Mail Special

Mr. William Stricker
United States Information Agency
250 West 57th Street
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Stricker:

Following your phone conversation of this morning, we have the following suggestions of suitable c ontacts forrMr. Italiaander in his visit to the South.

Richmond. The Rev. Dan Bowers, Executive Director, Virginia Council on Human Relations, 3-B Broad-Grace Arcade Building. (Mr. Bowers is leaving this position on June 15).
~~Dr. Samuel Proctor, President, Virginia Union University~~
The Rev. Edward Meeks Gregory, St. Mark's Church, 520 N. Boulevard (chr. Richmond Council on Human Relations.)

Charlotte: Mr. Harry Jones, Executive Director, N.C. Council on Human Relations, 120 East Third Street, Room 209
Dr. Raymond Wheeler, Doctors Building, 1012 Kings Drive

Atlanta: The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.208 Auburn Avenue, N.E.; Ralph McGill, Publisher, Atlanta Constitution, Forsyth Street
SRC

Birmingham: Mr. Lucius Pitts, President, Miles College; Mr. David Vann, Attorney, 2100 Comer Building

Jackson: Bishop (Most Reverend) Joseph B. Brunini, The Catholic Church, 123 North West Street; Dr. J. L. Reddix, President, Jackson College; Mr. Wilson F. Minor, ℅ Times Picayune, Millsaps Building.

Please call on us for any assistance we may be able to give.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/sm

June 1, 1961

Miss Mary Dolan
Editor
COMMUNITY
Friendship House
4233 South Indiana Avenue
Chicago 53, Illinois

Dear Miss Dolan:

We are mailing you today several of our latest publications, and we will be pleased to add your name to our mailing list to receive subsequent research publications.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Enclosed:
Publications list

Mailed separately:
The Freedom Ride
The Federal Executive and Civil Rights
McMillan, Racial Violence and Law Enforcement
New South, May 1961

June 2, 1961

Mrs. S. Harris
790 Briar Park Court, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Harris:

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Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/jf

June 2, 1961

Mr. R. M. Hederman, Publisher
The Clarion-Ledger and Jackson Daily News
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Hederman:

Sunday, May 7, 1961, an editorial was published in The Clarion-Ledger and Jackson Daily News with a statement that Carl Braden had served as field secretary of the Southern Regional Council.

For the record, Mr. Braden is not and has never been connected with the Southern Regional Council in any capacity. It is well known that Mr. Braden served as field secretary of the Southern Conference Educational Fund.

Perhaps the author of the editorial took his information from a U.P.I. story in early May which erroneously reported Mr. Braden as being connected with the Southern Regional Council. U.P.I. officials here in Atlanta informed us that a correction would be sent out.

In any event, we feel certain you will want to correct this error in so far as it pertains to your organization.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information
JC:lec
cc: Mr. T. M. Hederman, Mr. James M. Ward, Mr. Chiles Coleman

June 2, 1961

Mr. A. E. Cox
Delta Foundation
933 Chambliss Road
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Cox:

Les tells me that you say you have not received materials, aside from NEW SOUTH, from the Council in several months. We cannot understand this since your stencil is in our all purpose list which would mean that you would get practically everything the Council mails out.

We are mailing you, under separate cover, a copy of the latest Special Report, first class. We are addressing it to the address we have on the stencil and the one in our central files.

I would be interested in knowing if you received a copy of "The Freedom Ride" Special Report by second class mail since one presumably has gone out to you. Please let me know if you receive either or both of the reports.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

June 2, 1961

Lt. H. A. Poole
Box 1456
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Lt. Poole:

In response to your secretary's telephone request of this morning, we are mailing you two copies of our Special Report, "The Freedom Ride," and the column by Eugene Patterson.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

June 2, 1961

Mrs. A. J. Rubin
1514 Wesley Parkway, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Rubin:

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June 2, 1961

Mrs. Howard Aronin
1557 Kay Lane, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Aronin:

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Director of Women's Work

June 2, 1961

Mrs. Michael Harris
1195 Old Powers Ferry Road, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

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Director of Women's Work

MET/jf

June 2, 1961

Captain Stanley W. Guth
Records and Communications Division
Indiana State Police
100 North Senate Avenue
Indianapolis 4, Indiana

Dear Captain Guth:

We are pleased to send you today, under separate cover, the requested pamphlet, Racial Violence and Law Enforcement.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

June 2, 1961

Miss Bernice Bridges, Director
Education-Recreation Services
Young Adult Council
National Social Welfare Assembly
345 East 46th Street
New York 17, New York

Dear M iss Bridges:

We are in the process of completing arrangements for your guests from Africa. Normally we would house the group at Atlanta University. However, this visit falls between sessimns and the dormitories are closed. We have made arrangements for the group to stay at the Waluhaje Apartment Hotel, 239 West Lake Avenue, S. W. (Tel. SY 4-2431). We have placed guests there before and find the Waluhaje to be quite satisfactory.

The group will be met at the airport on arrival, probably by either Mr. Thompson or me.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

June 2, 1961

Mrs. Betty Harris
H.O.P.E., Inc.
50 Whitehall Street, S.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Harris:

Mrs. Finn recently asked me for background material on the "Youth Speaks" organization mentioned in Carmichael's "Louisville Story." Although we had nothing in our files, I contacted our part-time staff member in Louisville, Dr. C. H. Parrish, who came through admirably with a number of annual reports, workshop programs, and a manual of instructions and information from "Youth Speaks." They date from 1954 to the present. I am forwarding them to you under separate cover.

In regard to another matter, you will remember that I mentioned in an earlier letter the possibility of securing quantity copies of a New Leader article by Herbert Hill, "Violence Checks Southern Industry Boom," listed in the bibliography of materials for community leaders interested in economic costs and other effects of tension and violence. Mr. Hill writes that he can make available to OASIS 100 copies of the article, free, and he is delighted that we think it might be useful in the Atlanta situation. I have asked him to mail them to the SRC office; when they arrive I'll forward ten of them to you, and hold the others until you need them (unless you advise me otherwise). In case you wanted to write Mr. Hill to add your thanks to mine, his address is:

Mr. Herbert Hill
Labor Secretary
National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People
Twenty West Fortieth Street
New York 18, New York.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson

MM:s

June 2, 1961

Reservations Clerk
Belmont Plaza Hotel
Lexington Avenue & 49th Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Sir:

This will confirm reservation made by telephone today for Leslie W. Dunbar for the nights of June 6, 7, and 8; double room at single room rate, with bath. Mr. Dunbar will be coming into New York from Wilmington, Delaware and will arrive about 10:30 p.m. on June 6.

Please hold reservation for arrival; Mr. Dunbar has Diner Card, and we will be responsible for room.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary

Reading file

JAMES M. DABBS, PRESIDENT
ALBERT W. DENT, VICE PRESIDENT
MARION A. WRIGHT, VICE-PRESIDENT
JOSEPHINE WILKINS, VICE-PRESIDENT
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5 FORSYTH STREET, N. W. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA
JAckson 2-8764

June 2, 1961

Mr. John Hope II
Department of Race Relations
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Hope:

Several weeks ago I forwarded Carmack Cochran of the Nashville Transit Company the brief questionnaire on utilization of Negro drivers; we have not yet received a reply. Is there anything you can do locally to speed him up? I believe Paul Rilling said Macklin Davis was to have contacted Cochran to pave the way; can he tactfully contact him again?

Thanks.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson

MM:s

June 5, 1961

Publications Committee
All Souls Church
16th and Harvard Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

We would like to receive a copy of Thirty Days in Jail, by Howlett,Duncan. We are enclosing .10¢ in payment.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

June 5, 1961

Miss Barbara Margulies
Circulation Manager
Informational Pamphlet Distributors, Inc.
381 Park Avenue South
New York 16, N. Y.

Dear Miss Margulies:

We have mailed you today the requested copy of our special report on the Freedom Rides. If, after you have read the report, you think it is something that would be of interest to the libraries to which you distribute pamphlets, you may announce to them that single copies are free upon request of theSouthern Regional Council.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

June 5, 1961

UNESCO
The United Nations
New York, New York

Dear Sirs:

We would like to have one copy of Marie Jahoda, Race Relations and Mental Health (Race question in Modern Science series). We are enclosing .50¢ in payment.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

June 5, 1961

Miss Ivis Calvet
Managing Editor
Catholic Interracial Council
20 Vesey Street
New York 7, N. Y.

Dear Miss Calvet:

We are pleased to enclose the requested copy of our special report on the Freedom Ride; you may have our permission to reprint all of it or excerpts of it in your African, Asian, Pacific News Letter.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

June 5, 1961

Mrs. Alvin Hamburger
3275 E. Wood Valley Road, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Hamburger:

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MET/jf

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

June 5, 1961

Mrs. H. Adler
1322 Brookforest Drive, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Adler:

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Mrs. J. Levitt
1274 Reeder Circle, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

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Mrs. H. Caplan
2975 Ridge Valley Road, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

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Mr. William C. Gausmann
Advisor
Labor and Minority Affairs
United States Information Agency
Room 812
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Gausmann:

In response to your letter of June 1, we are mailing you the two copies of the report on the freedom riders. We appreciate your interest.

Actually, I have not been to Washington very often; but I recently was there to apply for a position with U.S.I.A. Apparently, U.S.I.A. is interested pending all of the necessary checks which I understand takes a bit of time.

If this kind of report is helpful to you, I am certain the Council would be willing to put you on the mailing list for future reports of this type.

Again, thanks for your interest.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

(Dictated by Mr. Constable, signed in his absence)

June 5, 1961

Mr. Harry Tiddell
South Church Street
Morrestown, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Tiddell:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, a copy of "This I Believe." There is no charge.

If we can be of additional help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to the Director of Information

/lec

June 5, 1961

Miss Jean Stewart, Librarian
National Board - YWCA
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Stewart:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, the requested copy of the special report on "The Freedom Ride."

If we can be of additional aid, please let us know.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to the Director of Information

/lec

June 5, 1961

Mr. W. E. Solomon
Executive Secretary
Palmetto Education Association, Inc.
1719 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Solomon:

Since Mr. Dunbar is out of the city for ten days, I am replying to your letter to him. We are pleased to send you three of our L-reports dealing with Virginia schools, and a special report written for us by Mary Ellen Goodman on the private schools of Virginia. I hope these are the reports you would like, and that they are helpful to you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
  Goodman report
  L-2, 5, and 7

June 5, 1961

Mrs. J. Wallen
3710 Nancy Creek Road, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

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June 5, 1961

Mr. Ben Read
Office of Senator Clark
260 Old Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Read:

At the request of Harold Fleming, we have pulled together the enclosed materials on private schools. Regretably, this is a miscellaneous collection of clippings. If you need more information, and have the time, we will be happy to try to do a more thorough job.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA:a

Enclosures

June 6, 1961

Mr. Joe Dennis, Jr.
1503 Minnesota Avenue
Bessemer, Alabama

Dear Joe:

We sometimes make mistakes here, too. But we will cancel the New South subscription going to Tuscaloosa and continue the one going to Bessemer and this should fix things up.

I am sending you a copy of our recent report, The Freedom Ride. If you do succeed in getting together a group in Bessemer to study race relations and we can be of any help by supplying some materials, let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

June 6, 1961

Mr. Hodding Carter, Sr.
Editor
Delta Democrat-Times
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Carter:

I write to ask your participation in a venture by the Council. Some time ago Mr. Dabbs and I began discussion of the desirability of the Council's making some contribution to the public discussion of the Civil War Centennial. Not all of us are happy over the Centennial plans, and many more are unhappy about the way the Centennial is progess~~s~~ing. Nevertheless, we have it with us, now and for the next several years. It was our thought that SRC, as a body of liberal Southerners, ought not let the point of view of the South be expressed solely from the usual quarter, and had a responsibility to make some effort to influence the manner in which the Civil War would now be re-thought and re-discussed. At the same time, we have no wish to argue the War, but rather to use the occasion of the Centennial to raise questions about the present situation and direction of the South.

Bell Wiley joined our discussion, and later the idea was fully discussed with the SRC Executive Committee. The resulting plan is for a symposium, to be published as a pamphlet, which will take the form of an exchange of letters between Mr. Dabbs, as President of SRC, and five or six Board members. The Executive Committee discussed and left open the additional possibility that it might preface the letters with a corporate statement.

I am asking you to be one of the persons who contributes. Paul Green, Frank Graham, Benjamin Mays, Marion Wright, and Stephen Wright have agreed to do so, and invitations will be going to two or three others. Mr. Dabbs has already drafted his introductory letter. It is, I think, a beautiful statement, which begins by raising the question of whether the Civil War should be regarded as an epic or a tragic event, indicates his belief that only if we can see it as the latter can we hope to build a true community on a bi-racial foundation, and there invites response. The letter is so constructed that the symposium participants will find plenty of freedom for stating their own interests and concerns. Each reply might run anywhere from 1,200 - 2,000 words.

I hope you will feel that you can do this. If so, the Dabbs letter will be got to you as soon as it is in final shape. We are aiming toward a publishing date around midsummer.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:a

June 6, 1961

Mr. James Stokely
405 Clifton Heights
Newport, Tennessee

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Executive Director

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Mrs. Carl M. Conrad
3839 State Street Drive
New Orleans 25, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Conrad:

Thank you so much for your letter.

It would be well for the new president to attend, but in the meantime we will list you and I think it will be possible to have both of you - so please keep the date open.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/jf

June 6, 1961

Mr. W. H. Venable
C. R. Management Co.
Arcade Building
131 South Kentucky Avenue
Lakeland, Florida

Dear Mr. Venable:

In reply to your inquiry concerning the number and names of Southern states that still forbid by law any marriage between various races, I am listing the 22 states which still have such laws, according to Greenberg, Race Relations and American Law. 1959. Columbia University Press. If you find this book in your local library, I believe you would be interested in reading the entire section, pp. 344-354.

Alabama-- 1940--marriage, adultery, fornication between white and Negro prohibited.
Arizona-- 1956--marriage of persons of Caucasian blood with Negro, Mongolian, Malay, or Hindu; (Indians originally included, deleted by 1942 amendment)
Arkansas-- marriage between white and Negro or mulatto illegal; 1947--misdemeanor, fine, and/or imprisonment.
Florida-- 1944, up to 10 years or fine up to $1,000.
Georgia--unlawful for white to marry anyone but white; marriage void.
Indiana--1952--marriage between white and Negro void.
Kentucky--marriage between white and Negro or mulatto void; 1955--$500 to $5,000; if cohabitation continues, imprisonment 3 to 12 months.
Louisiana--1952--marriage between white and person of color void; marriage or habitual cohabitation between white and Negro punishable up to 5 years. 1951--marriage between Indian and Negro prohibited.

Maryland--1957--prohibits marriages between white and Negro, Negro and Malayan, white and Malayan; 18 months to 10 years jail.

Mississippi--marriage between white and Negro unlawful and void. Marriage between white and Negro or Mongolian void, punishable as if incestuous; fine $500 and/or up to 10 years. 1942, anyone advocating or publishing matter advocating or suggesting equality of races or intermarriage subject to fine of $500 and/or 6 months.

Missouri--Marriage between white and Negro or Mongolian void--1949, marriage between white and Negro void; 2 years in penitentiary or not less than 3 months in county jail, fine not less than $100, or both.

Nebraska--marriage between Negro and white prohibited. 1953--marriage ~~between Negro~~ void when one party white, other Negro, Japanese, or Chinese.

Nevada--1957--gross misdemeanor for white to marry person of black, brown, yellow race. (California and Nevada repealed their statutes in early 1959.)

North Carolina--1953--marriage between white and Negro or Indian void.

Oklahoma--marriage of anyone of African descent to one who is not prohibited.

South Carolina--1952--marriage of white with Negro, Indian, mulatto, or mestizo void; not less than $500 and/or not less than 12 months.

Tennessee--1955--intermarriage of white and Negro prohibited; 1 to 5 years may be substituted on jury recommendation.

Texas--unlawful for person of Caucasian blood to marry person of African blood; marriage void. (2 to 5 yrs.)

Utah--1953--marriage between white and Negro, Maylayan, mulatto, quadroon, or octaroon void.

Virginia--unlawful for white to marry anyone except white, or person with no other admixture of blood than white and American Indian.

West Virginia--white person prohibited from marrying Negro; up to $100, up to 1 year.

Wyoming--marriage of white to Negro, mulatto, Mongolian, malayan void.

States which have repealed antimiscegenation Laws:

Colorado, 1957.
Idaho, 1959.
Iowa, omitted from code in 1851.
K~~s~~ansas, omitted from code in 1857.
Massachusetts, repealed 1840.
Michigan, repealed and prior marriages legalized 1957.
Montana, repealed 1953.
New Mexico, repealed 1886.
North Dakota, repealed 1955.
Ohio, repealed 1887.
Oregon, repealed 1951.
Rhode Island, repealed 1881.
South Dakota, repealed 1957.
Washington, repealed 1887.

And, according to a footnote, California and Nevada repealed statutes in early 1959. You will note that this leaves 21 states with such statutes, rather than 22, as I have said at the beginning of this letter.

I hope you will find this information helpful, and if we can help you in any other way, please write again.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

June 6, 1961

Professor Robert B. McKay
School of Law
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Professor McKay:

We note that School and Society, April 8, 1961, carried an article by you, "Social Science, Segregation, and the Law." If you have an extra reprint, we would very much like to read it and have a copy for our files.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

June 6, 1961

Dr. Elmer H. Johnson
3921 Arrow Drive
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Mr. Dunbar has asked me to write you since he is out of the city and has been during a majority of the time recently. He does want you to know that a great deal has been done on your manuscript. It is not now in print only because of our staff changeover and the considerable temporary staff shortages, particularly in our research department. We still look forward to publishing the study this summer.

We will keep you advised of our progress (or lack of it) but did want you to have this information.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA:A

June 6, 1961

Mr. David Bowen
Box 94
Woodshole, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Bowen:

Thank you for your letter of June 4th. In the event that your project, or any variation of it, becomes a reality, we shall be happy to assist you in any way possible with details such as those you raise.

There is, however, one basic fact of which you may not be aware. Only one county in the South is at this time without public schools. This is Prince Edward County, Virginia, where white pupils are being taught in private schools and Negro pupils are receiving no significant schooling. The Justice Department has brought this matter to the Federal Courts and it is likely that before September the state of Virginia will be ordered to open public schools in Prince Edward or close all public schools in Virginia.

There is a second situation--in Saint Helena Parrish, Louisiana--where there has been a vote to close the schools rather than desegregate; this, too, is in the courts and will likely be resolved before the new school year.

Interestingly, your project could have been very helpful in Prince Edward during the past year. The American Friends Service Committee has been active in that area and I think they would have welcomed your assistance.. As a matter of fact, you should share your ideas with the AFSC. They would welcome your interest and might well be able to offer suggestions along the lines in which you are interested. The person whom you should contact is: Miss Jean Fairfax, AFSC, 160 South 15th Street, Philadelphia 2, Pa.

160 N. 15th St

We will be interested in hearing of your progress and trust that you will call on us if we can be of any possible help.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA:A

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June 7, 1961

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

"The Freedom Ride" report is available at ten cents per copy for usual distribution. However, as with other materials from the Council, if you would indicate quantity and the kind of use you hope to make of particular pieces, we sometimes can give you a reduction and often materials which would be for sale to other persons would be available free to the Councils. If you could indicate the quantity of this particular report and the uses, I will let you know about the particular circumstance.

I don't know when I will be able to get to Penn Community this summer. As you may know, I will be leaving the Council sometimes during the summer for a different job. I hope to go to Penn at least for a week-end and if there is time between jobs for a longer period.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

June 7, 1961

Mr. Hal Thurmond, Director
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
Post Office Bax 319
Hopkinsville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Thurmond:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, twenty-five copies of Dr. Hill's article. The cost is two cents each which represents our printing cost.

We appreciate your interest in the Council's work.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

June 7, 1960

Dr. Helena Bailie
1701 New River Lane
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Dear Dr. Bailie:

Your letter of June 3, arrived while I was out of the city. My secretary, Miss Cummings, sent the material you requested on to you. It should arrive before receipt of this letter.

As to the price of L-reports, if a tremendously large number was requested, it would be necessary to charge you cost. If only a limited number of copies were needed we would let your Council have them free of charge. If you would let me know the number of copies you had in mind I would be better able to quote you a price.

With best wishes for your work and if there is anything we can do in the way of materials, please let me know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

June 7, 1961

Mrs. Margaret Mays
Harriet Tubman Home
P. O. Box 114
Auburn, New York

Dear Mrs. Mays:

We appreciate the list of officers that you sent to us. However, we regret that our funds will not permit us to invite all of them. We have to have each of our southern states represented: Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennesse, and Kentucky. Please select two from each state for us, and two alternates from each state. We will send the information about the Fellowship of the Concerned and an invitation to the Workshop to be here at Clark College, November 6 and 7.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

MET/jf

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

June 7, 1961

Mrs. T. S. Newbold, Secretary
North Carolina Conference
Woman's Society of Christian Service
304 Charlotte Street
Rocky Mount, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Newbold:

On behalf of the Southern Regional Council, Inc., we are deeply grateful for the $25.00 contribution from the Woman's Society of Christian Service, North Carolina Conference, for which I am enclosing the Council's official receipt.

I will see that the secretaries you listed in your letter of transmittal are put on the NEW SOUTH list as of June, 1961.

Please express our gratitude to the North Carolina Conference at their next meeting, and if we can be of any help to your group in the future, please call on us.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth House Alexander
Secretary-Treasurer

RHA/hs
Enclosure

June 7, 1961

Mrs. Robert W. Brooks
1204 Fairmont Street, N.W.
Washington 9, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Brooks:

Between what you and Mrs. Oliver did, Mrs. Flowers found an apartment in Washington over the past week-end.

Mrs. Oliver referred her to a real estate agent who showed her several apartments, and she is delighted with the one she found, and is most grateful to you and to Mrs. Oliver.

Mrs. Flowers has her own furniture and is here now having it packed, and will, herself and child, leave about Friday to live in Washington. I hope you will come to know her. I regret that I do not know her address in Washington.

It has been splendid for me to know you and Mrs. Oliver. You have done so many favors for me that I cannot find words to express my appreciation.

With thanks and the best of wishes to you, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/jf

June 7, 1961

Miss Thelma Stevens
Women's Society of Christian Service
The Methodist Church
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Thelma:

Please send us a list of the Secretaries of Christian Social Relations of the Central Jurisdiction who live in our southern states.

We never hear any more from Mrs. Curry.

We had a good day in Nashville yesterday.

Best wishes to you always from

MET/jf

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

June 7, 1961

The Honorable Elbert N. Carvel
Governor of Delaware
State Capitol Building
Dover, Delaware

My dear Governor Carvel:

Mr. Dunbar, who is away from the city, has requested that we send to you the laws of West Virginia, Kentucky, and Missouri establishing state commissions on human relations. We are in the process of securing West Virginia House Bill 115 and will forward it to you; the Missouri Commission on Human Rights is mailing to you the law establishing that agency; and, the Kentucky law is enclosed. Also enclosed is a "Report on State Agencies for Civil Rights and State Laws on Discrimination" which may be of some interest.

Please call on us if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA:A
Enclosures:
thermafax, Kentucky House Bill #163
Missouri Report on CR and State Laws
CC: Ralph Purcell

June 7, 1961

The Rev. William Williams
Florida Council on Human Relations
4241 S. W. 109th Court
Miami 55, Florida

Dear Bill:

We received the enclosed letter recently. Could you give us any information on Mrs. Starr, whether she is a member of the Florida Council, what other groups she may be active in, etc. We would appreciate word on this as quickly as possible, preferably by Monday.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Enc.

June 8, 1961

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

During the period July 12-16, SRC will have a group of twelve foreign correspondents to guide through Atlanta. On the morning of July 13 the group will be here at our office for a general briefing on the South and race relations. We would like very much for you to be present for this meeting. If possible, the session of some three hours will be handled by you, Les Dunbar and Benjamin Mays. Much of this would be in question and answer form and the occasion would require no formal preparation. Can you make it?

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PAL:A
Enclosure: list

June 8, 1961

Mr. N. R. Hendricks
Vice President
Dinkler Plaza Hotel
98 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Hendricks:

This will confirm our telephone conversation of this morning concerning reservations for 12 foreign correspondents plus one person from the Governmental Affairs Institute. Each of the 13 persons will require a single room for the period July 12 through July 15. The group will arrive around 8:00 p. m. on the 12th. Each will be responsible for expenses incurred. The leader of the group will be Mr. Melvin L. Bergheim of the Governmental Affairs Institute, 1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W., Washington 6, D. C. During the course of the visit, Mr. Bergheim should be contacted on any matters pertaining to the group. Enclosed is a list of the correspondents currently scheduled for the trip. While one or more names may be changed, the number will remain at 13.

When we are more certain of our needs, we will contact you concerning any special meeting room, meals, and the like.

Thank you for your attention to and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA:a
Enclosure: list

June 8, 1961

Mr. F. L. Benson, Jr.
Editor
The Virginia Tech
Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Box C-11, Virginia Tech Station
Blacksburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Benson:

Thank you for your inquiry of June 5. Enclosed are several items about the Southern Regional Council, including a list of "members." Since the Council is not a general membership organization, this is the full membership of the organization and its governing body.

Under separate cover we are sending several recent publications which will give you some further idea of the organization and its work.

Your publication has been placed on our press list to receive all reports.

We appreciate your interest and will be happy to be of any possible service.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA:A
Enclosures: officers and members
SRC, origin and aims
Separate cover:
McMillan, Racial Violence and Law Enforcement
School Desegregation: the first 6 years
Collins, The South and the Nation
Hill, This I Believe
Price, The Negro and the Ballot
The Student Protest Movement

June 8, 1961

Dr. Samuel Newman, M. D.
770 Main Street
Danville, Virginia

Dear Dr. Newman:

Under separate cover we are sending the additional twenty-five copies of "This I Believe."

Thank you for sharing with us your letters of March 15 and June 21. We are grateful for the leadership and voice you are porviding and hope that you will call on us whenever we may possibly be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA:A

June 8, 1961

Mr. Albert Vorspan
Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism
838 Fifth Avenue
New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Vorspan:

Under separate cover we are sending you the requested 75 copies of the Special Report, The Freedom Ride. The shipment is being made by parcel post, special handling, and should reach you in time for your meeting on June 19.

Please call on us at any time that we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA:A

June 8, 1961

Mr. William H. Hadley, Jr.
Governmental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hadley:

We do not have an updated map, based on the 1960 census, comparable to our population map based on the 1950 census. One is in preparation, however, and should go to the printers shortly. When they become available we shall be happy to send you ten copies.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA:A

June 8, 1961

Mrs. Charles Randall
Sitka, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Randall:

We will be pleased to make any arrangements you wish on providing literature for your School of Missions. Enclosed is a listing of publications available. In some instances we can provide them for your purposes at less than the quoted price, or without charge.

Please let us know what materials you would like; they will be sent on consignment or without charge.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA:a
Enclosure: publications list

June 8, 1961

Mrs. Marion D. Fuson
1850 Morena Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Fuson:

Thank you so much for your yesterday's meeting--the talk-fest was very worth while.

The time with you was most enjoyable and profitable for me; thank you for everything.

We have mailed today the material promised to those in the meeting.

The South-wide Workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned will be held here at Clark College, November 6 and 6. Please put these dates on your calendar and plan to be with us. We have funds for yourstravel and entertainment.

It was really wonderful to meet your family. It was quite a privilege for me. Best wishes to all four of you.

Sincerely,

MET/jf

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

June 8, 1961

Mrs. David M. Anderson
5000 - 14 Avenue
St. Petersburg 10, Florida

Dear Mrs. Anderson:

Thank you for your letter of May 24, letting us know that you are the newly elected Chairman of Christian Social Relations of the United Church Women of Florida.

The South-wide Workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned will be held at Clark College, Atlanta, November 6 and 7. We hope you will make plans to attend. We have funds for your travel and entertainment.

As for your Florida Workshop, you should clear the dates with each denominational group. This year we found the Methodist women, for the most part, were in their Jurisdiction meeting. One year the dates coincided with a conference of Negro women.

Please try to get more Negroes and Jews and Catholics than we have had before. I am glad you have a good connection with the Council of Jewish Women and members of the A.M.E. and Baptist conventions--you are certainly on your job. It is going to be a joy to work with you.

Sincerely yours,

MET/jf

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

June 8, 1961

Dr. C. H. Parrish
Department of Sociology
University of Louisville
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear D. H.:

I believe Les has talked with you concerning our projected merit employment study of four Southern communities. He asked me to follow up with this letter in his absence in hopes that you can help us with this effort.

Our thought here was that you and I would take responsibility for getting the project off the ground and of briefing research chairmen in the four communities concerning the type of thing we have in mind. When the new research director arrives, he will carry on.

The four communities that will be involved are Atlanta, Miami, Houston and Chattanooga. We would cooperate in setting the general direction and scope of the study and in helping with finances. A group in each community would be responsible for their part of the survey. There will be a responsible person in charge in each case. Our hope is to bring out a study which would include the four community surveys with some regional analysis. Each of the local surveys would be in such form that it could be made available separately to each community.

We are hoping that the bulk of the work can be done during the summer so that the study will be published in the fall. Our problem as you know is the lack of a research director at present. Les tells me that you indicated some difficulty in putting in much time with us until late July. I think what the question boils down to is this. Are you able, beginning almost immediately, to involve yourself sufficiently so as to develop a memorandum which would indicate the scope of local surveys and the questions to be answered? This would go immediately to the persons in charge whom I am securing in cooperation with local groups. It would then be necessary for you to be in touch with them from time to time so that the study can go forward and their questions can be competently handled. As to how much time this would involve, your guess is as good as mine. I believe Les has developed some preliminary notes which could serve as a starting place.

We hope very much that you will agree to chair this effort. If you feel that your schedule is too crowded to move on it before late July, we will understand and attempt to make other arrangements. If you think that further discussion is necessary, feel free to call us,and Les and/or I can go into it in more detail.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

June 8, 1961

The Rev. Norman Jimerson
102 Prince George Avenue
Hopewell, Virginia

Dear Jim;

I hope that you have been able to make arrangements to attend the Fisk Institute. I will be on hand for the second week and several others of the state directors will be present for either the final week or both weeks. At any rate, let me know your plans.

We are extremely pleased here that you have accepted the Alabama position and we are looking forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm
Enc.

June 8, 1961

Miss Katherine Jones
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

I am particularly hopeful that the relatively new staff persons can attend the Fisk Institute. I think it provides an excellent opportunity for some of us to consult together as well as the opportunity to enjoy the conference program. If you will be in Nashville during the final week of the conference, I hope you can make plans to attend a number of the events and to be available for some informal discussion with me and with other state directors.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

June 8, 1961

The Rev. Heslip Lee
First Baptist Church
Monticello Boulevard & Gary Street
Springfield, Virginia

Dear Happy:

I understand that your acceptance of the position of director of the Virgiginia Council is now official. Let me just say how glad I am that you have finally been lured into one of these spots, even if only on the third try.

All of us here are extremely pleased with your appointment and are looking forward to working closely with you next year.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

June 8, 1961

Mrs. E. G. Silver
201 East Vanderbilt Drive
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Silver:

Paul Anthony shared with me your letter of May 18, concerning the survey of the Gamble Valley community. A number of local groups related to us are considering various kinds of surveys. We would therefore appreciate it very much if you could send up copies of your questionnaire, as well as your results.

Congratulations on the fine and active program of the Oak Ridge Community Relations Council.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

June 8, 1961

Mr. Bill Monroe
News Director
WDSU
520 Royal Street
New Orleans 16, Louisiana

Dear Bill:

The questions you raise in your letter of June 2 are not easy ones. Many questions involving the access of the public to private business facilities have not yet been litigated and are uncertain. All we can say is how things stand as of now.

About the best answer to the major question you raise is that the authority of the federal government is extremely limited in so far as it applies to areas of private action. There has been much litigation concerning public accommodations in the South, but almost all of it has been directed against state action on the basis of the 14th amendment. Privately owned accommodations, however, have been held insulated from the 14th amendment, which inhibits only state action.

The federal courts have clearly held that any facility maintained at public expense or owned by any governmental subdivision, federal, state, or local, must be open to all citizens on a non-segregated basis. It has been further held that any facility, such as air terminal restaurant, etc., owned by a governmental unit cannot avoid the requirements of the 14th amendment by being operated by private individuals under a lease from the governmental unit.

State and local laws requiring private businesses and individuals to segregate the races have also been held to be in conflict with the equal protection of the laws clause of the 14th amendment. The federal constitution, in other words, has been interpreted to mean that no public authority can be used to enforce segregation in the area of private activity, but that the constitution gives no authority to the federal government to enforce non-segregation in the private area. State and local governmental units may constitutionally adopt laws requiring non-segregation within their jurisdictions, and 26 Northern states have done so. In the absence of such laws, the individual citizen or business man may follow whatever policy he pleases. In all probability, however, the private individual or business man cannot invoke the use of the public police power to maintain his private policy of segregation. The state cannot punish Negroes for entering an establishment where the state cannot prohibit their presence, as restaurants, etc. However, in 1958, the North Carolina Supreme Court in State vs. Clyburn, sustained a trespass conviction against Negroes who refused to leave a Durham ice cream parlor when so directed. The legality of trespass laws aimed primarily at sit-in activities seems to be an open point at this time.

Ancient English common law did impose upon innkeepers, common carriers, and others operating businesses "having the nature of a public utility" the obligation to serve all "well behaved customers" without discrimination. The various states are free to accept or reject this common law doctrine. Delaware, Mississippi, Tennessee and Florida courts have specifically rejected it. Historically, apart from innkeepers, etc., the proprietor of a business can deal with his patrons as he likes -- denying service to some and not to others. This right to deny service was recognized by English common law and by the U. S. Supreme Court in the case of Marrone vs. the Washington Jockey Club in 1913. Recent illustrations are found in Williams vs. Howard Johnson Restaurant where the Court of Appeals of the Fourth Circuit refused a Negro's request to order a restaurant to serve him (1959), and Eaton vs. the Board of Managers of the James Walker Memorial Hospital, where the same court refused a Negro doctor's request to order a hospital to allow him admission so that he could treat his patients. (1958)

In 1883, in the decision on the Civil Rights Cases, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled specifically that the federal government had no authority under the constitution to prohibit "private" discriminatory practices. In this case, theater owners, innkeepers, and the management of a railroad were indicted under the Civil Rights Act of 1875 which made it a federal crime to deny anyone full and equal enjoyment of such accommodations. The defendants had denied access to Negroes on the basis of race. The Supreme Court dismissed the indictments on the ground that the Civil Rights Act of 1875 was beyond the constitutional authority granted Congress by the 13th and 14th amendments. The court held that these amendments were not intended to end discrimination by private persons, but to "provide modes of redress against the operation of state laws and the actions of state officials, executive or judicial." "It follows that a private store owner acting alone can discriminate against Negro customers without violating the 14th amendment. Our problem arises only when the store owner calls a policeman or otherwise invokes the aid of the state judicial process in enforcing his privately originated discriminatory scheme." (from an article "Dime Store Demonstrations, Events, and Legal Problems by Daniel H. Pollitt, professor of law, University of

North Carolina, in the Duke Law Journal, summer of 1960)

I hope all of this is the sort of thing you had in mind. I will probably be seeing you before this arrives. Let us know if you need more detailed information.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm
cc: Lester Kabacoff

June 8, 1961

Mr. William Bagwell
American Friends Service Committee
P. O. Box 1307
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Bill:

My expenses in connection with the recent school consultation are as follows:

Food	$2.00
Cab & limousine	6.50
Air fare	52.36
Total	60.86

Please make the check payable to SRC.

I regret that I was unable to remain for the entire consultation. I hope you will let me know any consensus that developed out of the meeting.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

June 8, 1961

Mrs. Walter Paschall
1957 Westminster Way, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Eliza:

I believe it would be appropriate for you to give Mr. Lentz an opportunity to meet and talk with representatives of the Georgia Council and with us while he is in Atlanta. I think such a procedure might help to prevent misunderstandings in the future.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm
cc: Harry Boyte

June 8, 1961

Mrs. Charles Randall
Sitka, Kansas

Dear Mrs. Randall:

We will be pleased to make any arrangements you wish on providing literature for your School of Missions. Enclosed is a listing of publications available. In some instances we can provide them for your purposes at less than the quoted price, or without charge.

Please let us know what materials you would like; they will be sent on consignment or without charge.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA:a
Enclosure: publications list

June 9, 1961

Mr. Galen Martin
Executive Director
Commission on Human Rights
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Galen:

Enclosed is a material listing and sent under separate cover is one copy of "Second Look."

Sorry, but the Community Self Survey Manual is out of print, and I do not know of the other pamphlet you mentioned.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

June 9, 1961

Mrs. W. H. Hopper
Publications Chairman
League of Women Voters of Jackson
4544 Normandy Drive
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Hopper:

We are mailing you today, under separate cover, the requested copy of School Desegregation: the first six years; there is no charge for this. The subscription to New South is being entered for the League, as you designated, and the bill will go to your treasurer, Mrs. I. G. Clark, Jr.

If there is any other way in which we may be helpful to the League, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

June 9, 1961

Mr. John W. Davis
Special Director
Teacher Information and Security
N.A.A.C.P
10 Columbus Circle,
New York 19, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Davis:

Since Leslie Dunbar, our executive director and former director of research is out of the office until next Wednesday, I am replying to your letter. Mr. Dunbar undoubtedly will wish to write you within the next week or ten days and will have more and better suggestions of reference material.

My personal opinion as to what is behind the sit-in, wade-in, kneel-in, etc. movement is simply the evolutionary progress of freedom of the human spirit; and it is world-wide.

Under separate cover I am mailing a few things which may give you some helpful references or suggestions.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Enclosed:
"Reflections on the Latest Reform of the South" LWD

Mailed separately:
The Student Protest Movement
The Freedom Ride
Civil Disobedience

Reference:
"Anxiety, Fear and Integration," by Eric Lincoln, Phylon, Fall, 1960.

June 9, 1961

Mr. Aryeh Neier
Associate Editor
CURRENT
905 Madison Avenue
New York 21, N. Y.

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Dear Mr. Neier:

In response to your telephone request for 1,500 copies of Herbert Hill's This I Believe, we are today mailing you 500 copies. As soon as this has been re-printed (which should be within a week or ten days) we will mail you the remaining 1,000 copies.

It may be of interest to you that this is the third re-printing, after an original order of 13,000; it seems to be of particular interest to church groups and those involved in the field of human relations.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

June 9, 1961

Mr. John McKenzie
Higgins-McArthur Company
302 Hayden Drive N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. McKenzie:

Please print (by off-set) another 2,500 copies of the Herbert Hill, This I Believe folder, same paper, same size.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

June 9, 1961

Dr. Robert Van Waes
Staff Associate
American Association of University Professors
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Dr. Van Waes:

We are pleased to send you the requested ten copies of our report on The Freedom Ride. There is no charge.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

June 9, 1961

Mr. B. Raynal Ariatti
5401 Chamberlain Drive
New Orleans 22, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Ariatti:

We are mailing you today two additional copies of our report, The Freedom Ride. We are pleased to hear that our reports and publications have been of interest to the Louisiana State Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights.

If we can be of any further assistance to you, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
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June 9, 1961

The Rev. Robert Hughes
57 Sycamore Street
Roslindale 31, Massachusetts

Dear Bob:

It was very good to hear from you amidst all the turmoil down here. I am consulting our attorney about the letter in the Jefferson*ian*. We may or may not take this up with postal inspectors in Alabama, but will take no other action at this time. I will raise the common law copyright matter, but doubt that we would be interested in a public suit as far as SRC is concerned.

We considered calling you when the Alabama storm broke, but felt it would be unfair to interfere with your current commitments. If you had called you would have been called in with thanks and relief. I was heavily involved during that week, so Paul Anthony went to Montgomery where he made contact with our constituency and with the press to make what contribution he could. At least initially, there was some spark of constructive response as reflected in the editorials of the Montgomery and Birmingham papers, statements of the Montgomery ministerial group, group of Montgomery business men, some church women, etc. I will get you fuller details soon.

Your record of frenetic activity, TV show, call to Montgomery, New England Methodist Conference, etc. sounds as though you have made more actual contribution to the cause from there than we have from here.

Your successor, Rev. Norman Jimerson, an American Baptist type, takes over on August 1. He seems like a strongly committed and capable man, though somewhat inexperienced in this particular field.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

June 9, 1961

Mr. Joseph Haas
Attorney
First National Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

I have heard from Bob Hughes concerning the letter which was photostated in the Jeffersonian. Bob indicates that he does remember receiving the letter and that it is at least a possibility that the letter was then thrown away as not being essential to preserve. The letter is not now in the files.

Do you think that any follow-up action is advisable? Should we at least discuss the matter informally with the postal inspectors in Alabama or not?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

June 9, 1961

Mr. W. D. Patterson
Associate Editor
Saturday Review
25 West 45th Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Patterson:

I have read your excellent editorial on the Freedom Riders with great interest. It occurs to me that you might enjoy reading our special report, The Freedom Ride.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Enclosure

June 12, 1961

Mr. Benjamin Muse
P. O. Box 312
Manassas, Virginia

Dear Ben:

The copies of "The Southern Regional Council Reports the Changing South" are being mailed separately.

We have several persons with USIA on our mailing list and I received a request from Mr. Gausmann last week, and in corresponding I indicated I would be glad to place him on our mailing list which we now have done.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

June 12, 1961

Dr. Helena Bailie
1701 New River Lane
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Dear Dr. Bailie:

Concerning your letter of June 9, Miss Cummings informs me that she mailed the copies of "School Desegregation: The First Six Years" special handling since you indicated you needed them very quickly. The other requested material was mailed under separate cover by regular parcel post and should have reached you by now. In Addition, we are mailing you some additional copies of L-15 which you indicated you needed.

Let us know if additional copies of the other material is needed.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

June 12, 1961

Mr. Harry Fleischman
Director
Institute of Human Relations
165 East 56th Street
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Fleischman:

Mr. Dunbar telephoned me (he is taking a two-day vacation after his trip) and asked that write you concerning his proposed trip to New York in September to attend a meeting of the Mass Media group. Mr. Dunbar will have to be in New York on September 21 and 22; it would be most convenient if the Mass Media meeting could be set for one of these days--IF the dates are also convenient for you and the others.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

June 12, 1961

Mrs. Dorothy B. Wood
Public Library
Brookline, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Wood:

We are mailing you today the requested copies of Collins, The South and the Nation and McMillan, Racial Violence and Law Enforcement. Our latest publication list is enclosed for your information.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

June 12, 1961

Mr. Hammett W. Smith
State Teachers College
Bowie, Maryland

Dear Mr. Smith:

We are mailing you today the requested copies of our Leadership Reports, and I am enclosing our latest publication list. New South is published monthly, and I am enclosing a subscription blank; it is $2.00 per year. Along with the L-reports, I am sending you several sample copies.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
L 6, 8, 15, 20, 21, 22, 23
New South

June 12, 1961

Mr. Donn Michael Farris
Librarian
Divinity School Library
Duke University
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Farris:

We are mailing you today the requested 100 copies of This I Believe; thank you for the order and the $2.00 in payment. For your possible interest I am enclosing our latest publications list.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

June 12, 1961

Miss Mary B. Fell
Reference Librarian
The University Library
University of Vermont
Burlington, Vermont

Dear Miss Fell:

We are mailing you today the requested copy of Toward a Solution of the Sit-in Controversy. For your possible interest, I am enclosing our latest publications list.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

ENC.

June 12, 1961

Mr. Orin F. Nolting
Executive Director
The International City Managers' Asso.
1313 East 60th Street
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Mr. Nolting:

We are mailing you today the requested pamphlet, Racial Violence and Law Enforcement; there is no charge for single copies. The pamphlet in small quantities is .25¢ each; we do make special rates, depending on the quantity needed and the use.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

June 12, 1961

Miss Katherine Jones
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

We no longer have copies of "Manual for Home Town Self Survey." This has been out of print for some time. I am enclosing a copy of "A Second Look, The Negro Citizen in Atlanta" which is one of the few remaining copies we have of this. One of these days we are going to do something along this line ourselves, and we will keep you in mind.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Timothy Miller
secretary to Paul Rilling

Enc-
also: The Negro Citizen in
Alexandria

June 12, 1961

Mr. Hall Tennis
Information Specialist
Department of Public Welfare
State of Florida
2137 Liberty Street
P. O. Box 989
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mr. Tennis:

Thank you for adding the Council to your mailing list; we shall look forward to receiving the 1961 reports you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

June 12, 1961

Mr. Thomas Gee
109 C Street, S. E.
Washington 3, D. C.

Dear Mr. Gee:

Thank you very much for your comments on the work of the Council; it is good to know that our work and our publications have come to the attention of people like yourself. It will require the sustained efforts of all of us to realize the goals of democracy.

The requested three copies of our special report, The Freedom Ride, are being mailed to you today, under separate cover.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

June 12, 1961

Mrs. Deborah M. Cole
Staff Consultant
The Aaron E. Norman Fund, Inc.
42 Wall Street
New York 5, New York

Dear Mrs. Cole:

We are pleased to send you today, under separate cover, the requested eight copies of our report on the freedom ride, for distribution to directors of the Fund. We are, needless to say, pleased at your interest.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

June 14, 1961

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays, President
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mays:

The attached list of foreign correspondents will be in Atlanta during the period July 12-16. On the morning of Thursday, July 13, the group will be here at our office for a general briefing of Southern race relations. We are hopeful that you, Les Dunbar and Mr. Dabbs can be present to conduct the briefing session which will begin at 9:45 a. m.

We are well aware of the problems of foreign visitors, but do feel that in this instance the number of persons involved and the circulation which their combined papers represent make it important that we arrange for them the best possible schedule

We very much hope that it will be possible for you to be with us at that time.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/sm

Encl: visiter list

June 14, 1961

Miss Harriet Stull
Department of the Social Sciences
Western Illinois University
Macomb, Illinois

Dear Miss Stull:

Since Mr. Fleming is no longer with the Southern Regional Council I have been asked to respond to your request of June 12.

Under separate cover we are sending you twenty-five copies of the enclosed brief description of the Council and twenty-five copies of an issue of our monthly magazine, NEW SOUTH. We are also sending several pieces of current material which may help you in your program.

Please call on us at any time that we might be of help.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA:lec
Encl.

June 14, 1961

Miss Olga K. Robinson
302 Laurel Avenue
Menlo Park, California

Dear Miss Robinson:

Enclosed is a copy of the speech, "This I Believe." Copies are available at two cents per copy.

Please call on us if we can be of help.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA:lec
Encl.

June 14, 1961

Miss Jean M. Whittet
Associate in Program
National Student YWCA
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Whittet:

Under separate cover we are sending you the requested twenty-five copies of the Freedom Ride Special Report. They are being sent to Dr. Celestine Smith and I trust they will arrive in time for your meeting. The cost to us is approximately ten cents per copy.

Thank you for your comment on the Report. Please call on us at any time that we might be of help.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA:lec

June 14, 1961

The Honorable William B. Hartsfield
Mayor
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Hartsfield:

The foreign correspondents listed on the attached sheet will be touring the country during July, under a program administered by the Governmental Affairs Institute. The Southern Regional Council has been asked to schedule their visit to Atlanta. They will arrive here on July 13 and depart on July 16. This will be the only Southern city visited and Atlanta has been selected largely because of its record of progress, especially in the area of race relations.

The group is very anxious to meet you and we are hopeful that a brief visit will be possible. If this can be arranged, any time from the afternoon of Thursday the 13th through Saturday the 15th will be satisfactory. However, it would help us a great deal if you could specify a date and hour,with the understanding that it might be necessary to change or cancel the appointment.

We are well aware of the problem of the increasing stream of visitors through the city and the number of requests of this nature that you receive. However, we do feel that the size of this group and the tens of thousands of persons whom they reach justify as good and thorough a program as can be arranged for them.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/sm
Enc.

June 15, 1961

Mr. Robert H. Bolke
Social Science Department
State University College of Education
Oneonta, New York

Dear Professor Bolke:

We are pleased to send you, under separate cover, our recent special report, The Freedom Ride, excerpts of which you read in the New York Times. We are including several reports on the sit-ins. You will note that one, The Student Protest Movement, lists placed where sit-ins occurred through March 31, 1960. We have kept a record since then, but it has not been published. If you decide to make the study, and you wish additional information on the sit-ins and an up-dated report on places where they occurred, write us again and we will do our best to supply your needs. From the reports we are sending you can judge whether our information would be helpful to you. We also have in our files clippings, magazine articles, and one-of-a-kind publications which can be copied on various aspects of the sit-ins.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
- The Freedom Ride
- The Student Protest Movement
- Toward a Solution of the Sit-in Controversy
- Lunch-Counter Desegregation in ....Texas
- Settling a Sit-in
- Racial Violence and Law Enforcement
- Civil Disobedience

June 15, 1961

Mrs. John J. Drew, Chairman
Alabama State Coordinating Association
for Registration and Voting
1630 Fourth Avenue, North - Rm. 622
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Drew:

I am sorry to be so late in replying to your letter of June 1. We had the information you requested for 1950, from the 1950 census, but knew that you wanted the 1960 figures. Upon inquiry to the Bureau of Census, Department of Commerce, in Washington, D. C., we learned today that the census tracts of the cities will not be published until late summer--possibly even September. The Justice Department should be able to get the information they wish, or most of it, from the figures now being tabulated by the Census Bureau. As I understand it, the only thing holding up publication is the information on employment characteristics. I am sorry that we cannot, at this time, supply you with the information you need.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

June 15, 1961

The Editor
The Tacoma News-Tribune
Tacoma, Washington

Dear Sir:

At the request of Mr. Ralph McGill, we are enclosing a document which the Southern Regional Council prepared in 1957, analyzing an attack made on SRC by "The Firing Line." Also enclosed is a report which the Council has just issued on The Freedom Ride. It occurred to me that you might be interested in seeing this organization's approach to and analysis of these recent and much publicized events.

We will be happy to supply any information you might wish about the Council, its functions, its board of directors, and related matters.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA:A
Enclosures:
  Analysis - firing line
  Special Report: The Freedom Ride

CC: Ralph McGill, with copy of enclosures

June 15, 1961

Mr. David Kirk
Catholic Workers
175 Chrystie Street
New York 2, New York

Dear Mr. Kirk:

Thank you for your interest and the comment concerning our publications. We are placing your name on our mailing list for future such publicationss

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

June 15, 1961

Mr. Albert Fowler
114 Petrie Avenue
Rosemont, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Fowler:

A copy of the report "The Freedom Ride" is being mailed to Mr. Bragdon. You are being placed on our general mailing list.

Thank you very much for your contribution and comments on the Council"s work.

Please call on us at any time that we might be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/hs

Encl: Recpt.

June 15, 1961

Office of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
407 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

ATTN: Miss McDonald

Dear Miss McDonald:

To Confirm our telephone conversation of earlier today, enclosed is a list of the foreign correspondents who will be in Atlanta July 12-16. I am placing on their schedule a visit to Dr. King*s office for the afternoon of Friday, July 14. I understand that it is possible that Dr. King may be out of the city or unable to see the group at that time. In this event we would appreciate any help you can give us in arranging another time or having the group meet with someone else on the SCLC staff.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/hs

enclosure: list of resident foreign correspondents

June 15, 1961

Bureau of the Census
Department of Commerce
Washington, D. C.

(Attention Miss Bowman)

Dear Miss Bowman:

We have been commissioned to do an employment survey of four southern cities: Atlanta, Chattanooga, Houston, and Miami. In connection with the survey, we are using statistics from the 1950 and 1960 census. The following information from the 1960 census tracts is needed:

Age, Marital Status, and Economic Characteristics, by sex,
    Employment status and major occupation group

Characteristics of the Nonwhite Population
    Employment status and major occupation group

If we could have this information in advance of publication, we would of course pay any copying charges.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

June 15, 1961

Mr. Bill Jeanes
c/o Office for Field Survey, 1133
Board of National Missions UPUSA
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Mr. Jeanes:

E Enclosed is a copy of our map of the Southern states requested in your card of the 8th. This is based on the 1950 census. ~~We still have a substantial supply of them and will be happy to send you as many as you need.~~

A new map, based on the 1960 census is now being prepared and should go to the printers shortly. We will be happy to forward a copy when it is available.

Please call on us any time we may be of help.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/hs

encl: 1950 population map

June 15, 1961

Mr. Harry E. Smith
348 Woodland Road
Madison, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Smith:

We are mailing you today, under separate cover, several items concerning the general area of civil disobedience; we hope you will find them helpful to you. In addition, I would recommend that you read, in the June 22 issue of the Reporter, "The Freedom Riders and the Future," by Eugene V. Rostow.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
The Freedom Ride
The Student Protest Movement
New South, Jan. 1961, "The South and Civil Disobedience" by Marion A. Wright
"Civil Disobedience," by Leslie W. Dunbar

June 16, 1961

Mrs. Robert Treuhaft
6411 Regent Street
Oakland, California

Dear Mrs. Treuhaft:

Mrs. Herman Heyman of Atlanta has entered a gift subscription to our monthly publication NEW SOUTH in your name. Enclosed is the current issue.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

June 16, 1961

Harvard Yearbook Publications, Inc.
52 Dunster Street
P. O. Box 2
Cambridge 38, Mass.

Dear Sirs:

Please send us the African issue of Cambridge 38; our .35¢ is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

June 16, 1961

Mr. Ernest Lent
Unitarian Service Committee
9 Park Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Lent:

Following up your concern relating to Knoxville, I talked with Kay Jones, the director of the Tennessee Council, who reports that:

1. There has indeed been a meeting of members of the Tennessee Council in Knoxville to consider the role that the state Council might most effectively play in Knoxville. No conclusions have been reached.

2. The members of the Knoxville Council who belong to the Tennessee Council were not purposely omitted from this meeting, although Mr. Acuff was not invited, apparently because of an oversight.

3. Miss Jones was not aware that the Knoxville Council was particularly interested in affiliating with the TCHR, but has received a recent letter from them indicating a desire for further exploration in this direction.

4. The Tennessee Council is most interested in the possibility of affiliation of the Knoxville Council and has no plans for an independent operation in Knoxville unless (a) the Knoxville Council does not affiliate and/or (b) The Knoxville Council is unwilling to consider opening its membership to a larger number of concerned Knoxville citizens.

This is the only information I have. I urged on Kay the need to avoid any competitive operation if possible. She indicated that this has been her thinking all along.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm
cc: Kay JONES

June 16, 1961

The Rev. William K. Williams
Florida Council on Human Relations
4241 S. W. 109th Court
Miami 55, Florida

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your recent note about developments in Florida. I look forward to being with you at your July meeting and hope you can let me know the date as soon as possible because of my usual problems of advance scheduling.

J. J. Brewbaker, our public school consultant, was in the office several days ago and indicated that he plans to visit Pensacola in the near future. We will pass on to you any report as usual. We are most anxious to get your evaluation in some detail of the school situation in Florida, particularly the Pensacola situation and that in Daytona Beach. We have been getting some press inquiries concerning Pensacola and need to know how they are moving, what preparatory efforts are underway, the strength of resistance groups there, possibility of major difficulties, etc. We are naturally interested in any constructive role that the Florida Council may be playing there and your own involvement. We do have a local group there, do we not? Am I correct in assuming there will probably be no other desegregation there this fall except some expansion in Miami? I realize I will get a full briefing on this when I come down next month, but we need as much detail as feasible right away. Is there anything we should be doing, or are there other agencies that we should involve in the Pensacola situation (such as Will Campbell, etc.)?

Look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

June 16, 1961

Dr. Herman Long
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Herman:

The program for your Institute looks excellent. I will probably arrive Monday evening, June 26 and remain throughout the week. I am struck with the contrast between the specific nature of most of the topics and the general nature of that assigned to me. I am grateful for this leeway.

I understand that in addition to Mrs. Pauley, our new state directors from Virginia and Alabama will be on hand for the entire Institute, as will Kay Jones from Nashville and the new associate director from Arkansas. Harry Jones from North Carolina plans to attend during the second week. Don't bill the Rev. Norman Jimerson, the new director of the Alabama Council, for his expenses. It is my understanding that they will be paid by the Alabama Council and that the bill should be sent to the Alabama Council on Human Relations (1220 Comer Building, Birmingham 3) . I ask this because Jimerson will not be reporting to Alabama until August 1, and is not yet on the regular travel expense basis.

I look forward to being with you.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

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A Council to attain the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South

MEMORANDUM June 16, 1961

TO: Sam Williams, Leon Smith
From: Paul Rilling

I would hope that the discussions between board representatives of the Georgia and Atlanta Councils could continue in light of recent discussions with the representative of the Unitarian Service Committee and the action of the board of the Atlanta Council in designating Mrs. Paschall as the new executive director of the Atlanta Council.

I think there are several things we need to address ourselves to, such as a review of the agreement between the two groups which was developed prior to the appointment of the first director of the Atlanta Council , a discussion of the secretarial arrangement, the general office situation, etc. I think we have made some progress in recent weeks in resolving some of our problems. I think it important that we continue.

May I suggest that another meeting between the two groups might be called for next week, the week of June 19, and that both of you might be willing to participate along with one or two other representatives whom each of you might designate. I would think that you might have one more session of this sort, perhaps followed by one involving Mrs. Pauley and Mrs. Paschall. I will be happy to sit in on further meetings if you think this advisable.

PMR/sm
cc: Mrs. Paschall
Mrs. Pauley

June 16, 1961

Professor Denison,

Thanks for the candy; all of us enjoyed it. You know, there IS something to be said for payola--

Enclosed is one of the items you wanted; the others should be coming alone and I will send them as they arrive. g

Incidentally, you probably heard about the article in THE NEW YORKER by Bernard Taper, "Gomillion vs. Lightfoot, Part 1" when you were in Montgomery. I think you will be interested especially in page 74: "Listen, if there's such a thing as hate, there's gotta be hate for the white man in the South!" I believe that this fear lurks beneath the surface of all the citizens councils and klans; I've never heard it expressed by one of them before. And the Muslims prove there is some hate; I think it quite remarkable and wonderful that there is actually so little.

Good luck with the dissertation.

June 16, 1961

Mrs. Herman Heyman
1271 Oxford Road, N. E.
Atlanta 6, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Heyman:

Thank you for the gift subscription for Mrs. Treuhaft. We are mailing Mrs. Treuhaft a copy of the current NEW SOUTH.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

June 19, 1961

Mr. Marion Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

I read your good "Civil War" letter. Certainly we shall not want to crowd it out.

It does occur to me though -- and this is mentioned only as a possible alternative -- that it might be used as the executive committee's foreword to the pamphlet. You may recall that we discussed very tentatively the idea that the committee might want to make a mose or less official expression of its views. If we did this, your letter would be subject to the usual horrifying scrutiny and revision by a collective body. How do you feel about that?

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm
Enclosure

June 19, 1961

Mr. Hodding Carter
Editor and Publisher
Delta Democrat-Times
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Carter:

I was very glad to get your letter of June 10. As you can note from the enclosure, work will just now begin to move on the pamphlet. Knowing Mr. Dabbs, I assume that he will be fairly quick in completing his letter. I would imagine that it could be sent to you in a fortnight or so. If you could write your contribution any time within a month after receiving it, that would be altogether satisfactory.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm
Enclosure

June 19, 1961

Mr. Lewis Smythe
Professor of Christian Community
The College of the Bible
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Professor Smythe:

I have delayed an unconscionable time in replying to your invitation of May 19. This has been because I wanted to accept but also needed to satisfy myself that I could. Sadly, I am going to ask you for a rain-check until next year. I embarked on the executive directorship with the intention of, for the first few months, accepting as many speaking engagements as I possibly could in order to visit around the South. The result has been pleasant but overwhelming and I must stop it. The load of work in getting myself settled into harness and getting our staff reorganized is such that for a while I do not think I am justified in traveling except on Council business. I do want to be in touch with you and with your college; Dr. Montgomery, as you probably know, is a member of my board and we admire his work and your college greatly.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:a
AIRMAIL

June 16, 1961

Mr. A. E. Cox
Executive Director
Delta Foundation, Inc.
933 Chambliss Road
Memphis 16, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Cox:

Since you received the second class mailing of the Freedom Ride Report, you apparently are receiving all of our materials.

The press reports you have been seeing may have referred to statements by persons at the Southern Regional Council made directly to reporters and not included in any report.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

June 19, 1961

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
Executive Vice President
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Max:

We have received, and acknowledge with thanks, your check in the amount of $4,000 for the purpose of assisting in the preparation of a restatement and re-interpretation of southern problems and racial relations, to be done by Mr. James McBride Dabbs.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:A
Enclosure: official receipt

June 19, 1961

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
Executive Vice President
The Field Foundation
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Max:

I enjoyed so much my visit with you on June 19th. I shall very shortly be sending you some reaction to the Vine City proposal.

Let me tell you again that your project at Benedict College is one which interests us greatly, and if there are any ways we can help I hope we shall be called upon.

Enclosed are two more editorials about our Freedom Ride report which may interest you.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:A
Enclosure: editorials,
Wilmington,Del. News
Cincinnati Enquirer

June 19, 1961

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays
President
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mays:

Many thanks for your letter of May 1. As you can see from the enclosure, I have finally begun to move the Civil War pamphlet. Very soon, I hope, we shall send you Mr. Dabbs' letter.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm
Enclosure

June 19, 1961

Mr. Paul Green
Greenwood Road
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Green:

Many thanks for your letter of May 3. As you can see from the enclosure, I have finally begun to move the Civil War pamphlet. Very soon, I hope, we shall send you Mr. Dabbs' letter.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm
Enclosure

June 19, 1961

Dr. Frank W. Graham
United Nations
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Graham;

Many thanks for your letter of May 17. As you will be able to see from the enclosure, I have finally begun to move the Civil War pamphlet along.

I am sure that your colleagues in the Council would want your participation even if it will not be until some time in August. Certainly I do.

With the best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm
Enclosure

June 19, 1961

Dr. Stephen J. Wright
President
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Wright:

Many thanks for your letter of May 18. As you can see from the enclosure, I have finally begun to move the Civil War pamphlet. Very soon, I hope, we shall send you Mr. Dabbs' letter.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm
Enclosure

June 19, 1961

Mr. Patrick Murphy Malin
Executive Director
American Civil Liberties Union
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Malin:

To a person coming into a job such as mine, nothing can be more warmly gratifying than the good wishes of a veteran leader such as yourself. I thank you very much for your letter of May 25th.

I am sure that I speak for all in the Southern Regional Council in acknowledging our appreciation that the American Civil Liberties Union has endorsed in the press and commended to the President and Attorney-General our report, The Federal Executive and Civil Rights. It is good to know that you have found it useful.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:a

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
New address: 5 Forsyth St. N.W.
A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

MEMO TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS:

The following paragraph is from a letter to us of May 25, 1961, from Patrick Murphy Malin, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union:

> I am enclosing the text of a public letter to President Kennedy issued by the Union urging him to support civil rights legislation in the Congress. I was glad to point out to him the excellent report prepared by the Council on "The Federal Executive and Civil Rights." It is a comprehensive blueprint for meaningful executive action and we will do all we can to further its study.

The ACLU's letter to the President to which Mr. Malin has referred, includes the following paragraph:

> We do not minimize the difficulties of the Executive Department in this situation, nor the importance of patient, educational efforts such as the excellent work of the Southern Regional Council. The Council's January 1961 report, "The Federal Executive and Civil Rights," contains many valuable suggestions, which we endorese in principle and commend to you and the Attorney General for your special attention. We are pleased that several points advanced in that study have already been implemented by the Administration.

The staff thought you would be interested in these comments.

FROM: LWD
June 19, 1961

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Mr. C. Herbert Oliver
Box 1443
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Oliver:

I had a chance to discuss with Taconic people your request to them for a grant to assist the work of the Inter-Citizens Committee. Frankly, the prospects do not look bright. I was assured, however, that your request would not be kept hanging much longer, that some action would be taken, and that you would get a reply.

I cannot promise anything at all, but I am interested in what you are doing and will be glad, however I can, to put in a good word. It would be helpful if you could send to me the financial statement of your first year's operation, an indication of the amount of money which you think you need to carry on, and the uses to which it would be put.

Could you send me another set of your stories? The reason I request this is that I have given away all our copies. I gave part of them to a high official of the Department of Justice and the remainder to a high official of the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights. Neither man had known about them, and both men are now reading them. In the long run I think this attention may be more valuable to you than money.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:a

June 19, 1961

Mr. Nat Welch
Business Development
Auburn, Alabama

Dear Mr. Welch:

I forwarded your recent letter to Harold, and you may be hearing from him.

I agree with you about the editorial in the Auburn Plainsman. And thank you for the copy of Marion Wright's speech: it is one of his typically good efforts, and we may order some.

Frankly, I know little about SCEF, though I have been for 20 years (i.e. since my college days, when I helped support myself on NYA) a distant and warm admirer of Aubrey Williams. I doubt that SRC leadership has been, however, the source or even the channel of allegations that SCEF is "pinko." I used to observe that Harold was awfully careful about how he spoke of SCEF, and I assume that our officers are equally considerate. I do suspect that some people's uncertainty about SCEF reflects this fact: that they are not fully aware of what its programs are. But I would like for both you and Mr. Williams to know that SRC staff is not pinning labels, even though we may sometimes not agree with or understand SCEF's tactics.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:a

June 19, 1961

Mrs. W. Murdoch MacLeod
General Director
United Church Women
National Council of Churches
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. MacLeod:

Mr. Dabbs had forwarded to me your letter of May 3rd with the request that I reply to you. Mrs. M. E. Tilly, of our staff, will be in attendance at the Assembly of United Church Women at Miami Beach and will represent, as only she can, the Southern Regional Council.

Mr. Dabbs wanted me to tell you that he himself would like to attend, and would, except that he will be studying at the University of North Carolina at that time, as he works at his next book.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:a

June 19, 1961

Father Harold C. Gardner
Editor
AMERICA
329 West 108 Street
New York 25, New York

Dear Father Gardner:

I enjoyed talking to you on the telephone while in New York and regret that I cannot be with you this week. Since returning to Atlanta I have got clarification as to when in September I shall be in New York. I find, however, that I cannot remember whether your group meets for lunch or for dinner; which ever it is, I shall try to work it in--though lunch may be difficult. I am planning to be in New York September 21 and 22. I have a luncheon appointment on the 22nd and probably shall have one on the 21st also. My evenings are free and if it would be more convenient for your group, and you should still want to have me attend your September meeting, I probably could get to New York in the late afternoon of September 20, or even in time for lunch that day.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:a

June 19, 1961

Mrs. Joe R. Brewer
Rt. 1, Box 314
Scott, Arkansas

Dear Doctor Brewer:

How do you like that title? Congratulations to you and commendations to Smith College for its good judgment in selecting recipients for honorary degrees.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:a

June 19, 1961

Mrs. Helen Hill Miller
Executive Secretary
The Edgar Stern Family Fund
129 National Press Building
Washington 4, D. C.

Dear Helen:

I'll see you in Knoxville this coming Friday. Paul and I haven't decided yet how we shall be traveling, but we know your whereabouts and shall meet you either at the Andrew Johnson before-hand, or in Mr. Evans office at nine o'clock.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

June 19, 1961

Mr. Samuel F. Yette
Director
Information Bureau
Tuskegee Institute
Alabama

Dear Sam:

I am glad that you have decided that you can write a piece on TCA for us. We'll look forward to receiving it.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:a

June 19, 1961

Miss Judith Armitage
Mount Holyoke College
South Hadley, Mass.

Dear Miss Armitage:

I regret that I was not in town when you visited Atlanta, but I am sure you were well taken care of by Mr. Constable. Please let me know if we can be of any help to you at any time.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:a

June 19, 1961

Mr. Paul M. Gaston
Program Chairman
Virginia Council on Human Relations
138 Mimosa Drive
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Paul:

It was good to get your letter of June 13. Sorry to hear about your family problems.

I enjoyed very much my visit to Charlottesville and my chance to meet you and Mary, as well as Tom Hammond. Let's get together soon again.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:a

June 19, 1961

The Rev. Dow Kirkpatrick
St. Mark's Methodist Church
781 Peachtree Street N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dow:

Many thanks for you kind note.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

June 19, 1961

Mr. Eli Ginzberg
Director
Conservation of Human Resources
Columbia University
New York 27, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Ginzberg:

We are sending you under separate cover a bundle of reports and I hope these will help satisfy your need.

It will be good to meet you when you are here in November. Please drop me a note before-hand, and let me try to find a spot in your schedule when we can get together, perhaps for an evening.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:a

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June 19, 1961

Mrs. Nathan C. Starr
818 N.W. 36 Avenue
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Mrs. Starr:

I read with interest your letter of June 3, and was pleased to see its publication in the New York Times. I say that truthfully, because I believe that the South has been damaged in recent years by conformity of opinion and expression. We have done what we could to encourage dissent from the dogmas of the segregationists and their political spokesmen; I think we have had some success. We are also prepared to dissent, if and when we think it necessary, from the programs of people and agencies on our side. By the same token, we welcome responsible criticism of our own views, because we do believe very strongly that open, vigorous discussion is a good thing in a society such as ours.

Let me add that we did not and do not "reprimand" any participant in the Freedom Ride, all of whom have a perfect right to engage in this demonstration. All that we have suggested is that the Freedom Ride is a new and as yet unproven method. We are interested in accomplishments. I think probably no agency voiced commendation of the sit-ins last year sooner than did we; we did so because we thought we saw--and events vindicated our judgment--the likelihood of fine results. I hope, and every one connected with the Council does, similarly fine results will come from the Freedom Ride, and the Attorney-General's action before the Interstate Commerce Commission is an indication that they may.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:A

CC: Rev. Wm. Williams, Florida Council on Human Relations

June 19, 1961

Mr. Saal Lesser
Encampment for Citizenship
2 West 64th Street
New York 23, New York

Dear Saal:

We very much appreciate the Encampment's willingness to provide scholarship assistance to Marion Freeman. We value this kind of experience for Southern students. Unfortunately, we are not in a position to supplement this assistance. We have no funds earmarked for this sort of a activity and none that can be shaken loose this year.

Best wishes for a fine conference.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

June 19, 1961

Dr. Kenneth Morland
Department of Sociology
Randolph Macon Woman's College
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Ken:

As I indicated earlier, I think that it might be feasible to move toward the organization of a Panel in Atlanta next fall. I think the proper procedure would be for me to first check with people at the various colleges here as to their receptivity. I think it may be possible to get the cooperation from persons at Oglethorpe, Columbia Seminary, perhaps Emory and Agnes Scott, as well as the Negro colleges. It is unlikely that we will get much cooperation from Georgia Tech or Georgia State, although Tech is scheduled to be desegregated this fall. I thikk we can probably work most easily through campus groups rather than through official college structures.

As to timing, I would suggest that I contact persons on all the campuses during the summer, looking toward a meeting in September at which time the Lynchburg group might do a model presentation. I see no possibility of doing anything earlier than this schedule. In fact, in some places the proper contacts will not be available until just before colleges reopen in September. It is possible that the furor over school desegregation here might make it more difficult to launch a panel, but I would doubt this. I would think that Mrs. Bauman would become involved at the point when representatives from the different colleges begin to confer together. Unless I hear otherwise, I will proceed with initial contacts as I am able. I will need a few copies of your pamphlets and materials for this purpose. Do I deal directly with Mrs. Bauman or are you serving as some sort of southern chairman with or without portfolio?

We felt that you were of considerable help to the workshop of the Georgia Council here. Thank you for coming.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

June 19, 1961

Mr. William Monroe
WDSU
520 Royal Street
New Orleans 16, Louisiana

Dear Bill;

I enjoyed talking with you during my recent trip to New Orleans. I caught your editorial presentation Monday evening on the Justice Department's position in the St. Helena case and I thought it an able and well developed editorial position. I found myself in almost complete agreement, not only as to the usefulness of the editorial, but as to the soundness of its position.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

June 19, 1961

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

I am returning your Civil War letter, with a few scratches on it. I think it is superb. I know you will want to re-read it and perhaps change it here and there; I hope you will not alter it much. When you are satisfied, send it back and I shall get it copied and sent to the others.

The "others" are Frank Graham, Paul Green, Benjamin Mays, Marion Wright, and Stephen Wright. Hodding Carter has tentatively joined in. James Stokely has been invited, but has not yet been heard from. Marion Wright has graciously volunteered to stand aside if the list becomes crowded, but I don't think that will be desirable.

I am enclosing comments from Benjamin Muse and Bell Wiley on your letter.

Finally, I have been the bottleneck delaying the progress of the work. I believe you can, with your accustomed charity, understand the reason. Now I promise to move as fast as you and the others will allow me.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

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cc: Hodding Carter
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Mr. George W. Healy, Jr.
The Times-Picayune Publishing Company
LaFayette Square
New Orleans 40, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Healy:

In your letter of June 1, 1961 you write as follows:

> I would like your opinion regarding the exhortations by the so-called freedom riders who visited New Orleans without violence and with full opportunity to express themselves at a public meeting. A specific exhortation uttered by a leader of the riders to a predominantly Negro audience was "Sit-in...swim-in... bury-in...even marry-in."
>
> Louisiana and a great many other states have laws against miscegenation. Obviously, this "rider" urged the violation of law. To the best of my knowledge, the United States supreme court has not declared unconstitutional these laws. In the premises, I believe they still are the "law of the land."
>
> Do you condone actions of a group urging violation of or defiance of the law?

My answer is that I do not. The Southern Regional Council has for some years now opposed as strongly as it could the mood prevalent for a long time throughout the South, and still strong in your state, of willingness to defy or evade the law. I need not, I am sure, remind you that from political rostrums and in editorial columns massive resistance to federal law has been urged.

Nor, I am equally sure, do I need to remind you that these people who now advocate disobedience to the segregation laws of states and localities do so from quite a different standpoint than have the persons who have advocated resistance to the Supreme Court's decisions and decrees. These people violate laws with a willingness to pay, personally, the penalty, even to the point of undergoing imprisonment. They violate laws because they believe them to be unconstitutional; the segregationist leaders of the South have violated, evaded, and ignored what they have known to be the authoritative interpretation of the Constitution.

I do not condone defiance of the law. I recognize, however, and so I am sure do you, that there is no other way to test whether these laws are Constitutional--i.e. to test whether they are, in fact, laws--than to violate them and accept one's day in court. When one does that, one is not defying the law: he is invoking the law's judgment.

Your letter further asks: "Do you contend that miscegenation is legal or decent?"

Miscegenation is contrary to the laws of Louisiana, and therefore not legal in your state. Whether your law would be upheld if ever challenged in federal court I do not know. I think the marriage of a man and woman is "decent" when it results from the deep, mature consideration they have for each other and from a resolve to create an enduring family. I know of no other criterion by which its "decency" can be judged.

Sincerely,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:A

June 20, 1961

Mr. John W. Davis
Special Director
Teacher Information and Security
N.A.A.C.P. Legal Defense & Educational Fund
10 Columbus Circle
New York 19, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Davis:

Your letter of June 7 presents a big order, one that perhaps no one can adequately fill. Mrs. Albright sent you a copy of a paper in which, last August, I made a few disconnected stabs at interpreting the student movement. Phylon will some day publish it, and I view that prospect with apprehension simply because the movement is so fluid and really so diverse that it is not a single movement but rather a series of operations connected by common ideals and symbols.

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You ask, "To what end is all of it?" This I don't know in specifics, and won't speculate. But in general, the end of it will be an extension of democracy in America. My own main concern is the South, and somehow I am optimistic that out of this can come a South whose sense of community has been strengthened and which will be a pace-setter in world race relations.

There is on my desk an as-yet unread book titled Christian Ethics and the Sit-In, by Paul Ramsey (Association Press, N. Y., 1961). Perhaps this supplies some of the answers you seek.

It was a pleasure to sit on the platform and hear you address the Georgia Teachers & Education Association recently.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:a

June 20, 1961

Mr. Nat Griswold
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

We are enclosing payment for Marion Wright's travel expenses in connection with the recent NAIRO meeting. In case you haven't yet heard, the NAIRO board meeting last week-end voted to make $200 available to help you with the deficit. This includes the normal regional budget for your area.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm
Enclosure

June 20, 1961

Mrs. George A. Eddy
5151 Polk Avenue
Alexandria, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Eddy:

Mr. Dunbar asked me to reply to your letter of transmittal in connection with your project "The Negro Citizen in Alexandria." All of us here were most impressed with the pamphlet and we agree that this is the sort of thing that local groups throughout the South would want to consider. Could you let us have 75 more copies, or any portion thereof? Have you sent it to the state directors of councils on human relations? If not, we would want do do so.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

June 20, 1961

Mrs. R. D. Present
21 Highland Hills
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Present:

Several people in Knoxville have mentioned to us your current effort to obtain more hospital facilities for Negro patients in the Knoxville area. One thing occurred to me which you may already be doing. The Catholic hospital might be reached through some of the national Catholic organizations. I am thinking specifically of the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice (21 West Superior Street, Chicago 10, Illinois). This group has a strong interest in these matters and has excellent contacts in the Catholic hierarchy. If you are not in touch with them, I suggest that you write to Mr. Mathew Ahman, Executive Director, for his advice and possible assistance.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

June 20, 1961

The Rev. Lewis H. Deer
5355 University Avenue
Indianapolis 19, Indiana

Dear Lewis:

Thank you for sending us the biographical data some time ago. I think it will suit our needs, except that we probably need to know your place of birth for reasons of southern parochialism.

The positions that were recently vacant have both been filled, but we look forward to trying to lure you South in the future as other openings occur. I hope we can talk further at the Fisk Institute, if you plan to come.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

June 20, 1961

Father Albert Foley
Spring Hill College
Mobile, Alabama

Dear Father Foley:

I hope you had a good and profitable trip to Washington and meeting with the Civil Rights Committee of the steel workers. I noted that Jack Nelson of New Orleans was also in attendance at the same meeting.

Bob Hughes tells me that the letter photostated in the *Jeffersonian* is one that he does remember receiving and in all probability is one that he did not keep. This means that there is a good chance that the correspondence was picked up out of the wastebasket. I could not conceive, however, that Bob would not have torn the letter before discarding it and the photostat did not show signs of being pieced together. There is still the possibility that the letter was intercepted, photographed, and returned to the mailbox.

The advice of our attorney is not to take any action unless there is a repetition. He feels that the only action that would be possible would be to talk with the postal inspectors in Alabama and to encourage them to investigate the situation,, which would possibly have the effect of sobering the folks at the *Jeffersonian*. The Alabama Council could, of course, take such action if it so desires.

I understand that Norman Jimerson has decided to attend the Fisk Institute for the full two weeks, even thought this will involve giving up two weeks salary at his present position. I have indicated to him that I thought the Alabama Council would want to reimburse him for his travel expenses to and from Nashville and would want to take care of the half fee that would be required by Fisk and which should be paid directly to the Institute. This smaller figure will come to $40. Am I not remembering correctly that you indicated this would be appropriate?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

pmr/sm

June 20, 1961

Mr. James Quigley
Assistant Secretary
Health, Education, and Welfare Department
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Quigley:

I enjoyed meeting you at Capahosic, even though we did once or twice diverge in our comments. I do not, you notice, say "disagree" because I think our differences were pretty largely simply a matter of my patience being a bit more frayed than yours.

Opening my mail after I got back, I came across one letter which I am venturing to quote to you in full (see attached). But let me say quickly that I do not know whether the facts are correct and that we shall not have time to look into them. The point of my quoting this letter to you is only this: we get dozens of reports like this a year; some of them we check out and they turn out to be true, some only partially true. Almost without exception, when we look into these things there is some basis of fact in the allegation. This sort of complaint is a symptom of how widespread are the activities of the Federal Government and how frequently they impinge upon upon civil rights and race relations. I don't envy the Federal administrator faced with the responsibility of insuring that all his programs make no contribution to segregation or discrimination. The kind of complaint which the quoted letter recites is itself an indication of how hard it would be for someone in Washington to foresee difficulties that exist in the South. But it also suggests that there is a real need for the closest kind of scrutiny of programs.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:A

An institute for guidance teachers will be held at State College, Orangeburg, S. C. (Negro) for the first time this summer. It will offer elementary courses only. The University of South Carolina is holding a similar institute. However, I have been informed by a Negro guidance teacher in Columbia that it is offering much more advanced work, and that this is the third successive summer that the University has held such an institute. The institutes at both State College and the University of South Carolina are being sponsored jointly with the Federal Office of Education and at least partly financed under the National Defense Education Act.

My informant has already completed the work being offered at State College. However, she does not plan to apply at the University of South Carolina because she feels sure she would lose her job in the public schools of Columbia. I believe she is an excellent teacher. However, she has heavy home responsibilities and is unwilling to jeopardize her job.

In view of your interest in the role of the Federal Government at the present time, I am writing to suggest that discriminatory practices financed at least in part by the Federal Office of Education doubtless need to be explored. I don't know whether the SRC Research Division may be able to look into this. However, I hope that it may and that we may hear from you, soon.

June 20, 1961

Mr. Martin F. Richman
Root, Barrett, Cohen, Knapp & Smith
26 Broadway
New York 4, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Richman:

We are enclosing a listing of cities in which some lunch counters have been desegregated since February, 1960. I am fairly sure the list is not complete, but it does represent all the places of which we know at the present. We are hopeful that later this Summer we may be able to release a more or less definitive recapitulation of the results of the sit-in movement.

Most of the places on the list are known to us to have desegregated and we have some supporting documentation in our own files. The remainder, however, have been taken from a list issued some months ago by the national offices of the variety stores. While having no reason to doubt them, we are not able to confirm them out of our files.

We are enclosing also several reports which we have done on the sit-ins. After reviewing this material, if you should have other questions we should be most happy to help with them.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:A
Enclosures:
List of lunch-counter desegregation
Student Protest Movement
Moreland, Lunch-Counter Desegregation in ... Texas
Price, Toward a Solution of the Sit-in Controversy
Westfeldt, Settling a Sit-in (Nashville)
Patrick, Lunch-Counter Desegregation in Winston-Salem, N.C.
Pollitt, Dime Store Demonstrations: Events and Legal Problems of First Sixty Days

June 20, 1961

Miss Marguerite Hawkins
Assistant Treasurer
Department of Work in Home Fields
Woman's Division of Christian Service of the
Board of Missions of the Methodist Church
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Miss Hawkins:

On behalf of the Southern Regional Council I thank you for the renewal, in the amount of $1,200, of the annual contribution of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church.

It means a great deal to us to have this reassurance of the Woman's Division of Christian Service's confidence in our work and our organization. I hope you will let me hear from you at any time that we can be of particular service to you.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:A
Enclosure: official receipt

June 20, 1961

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June 21, 1961

Mr. E. C. Hale
Chief of Police
Police Department
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Chief Hale:

We recently received, from a mutual friend, copies of Lesson No. 6 and Lesson No. 7, Socio-Legal Problems, used in your Administrative In-Service Seminar. We have read these with great interest and appreciation. Would you send us copies of the other lessons, and put us on your mailing list to receive subsequent lessons?

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

June 21, 1961

Mr. John Yungblut
Quaker House
1384 Fairview Road, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear John:

If there would be time available in Richard Greg's schedule, I believe our staff would benefit from having him here a few hours to discuss principles of non-violence.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:a

June 21, 1961

Mr. Stetson Kennedy
Route 6, Box 386-A
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

We have got some fairly detailed data on unemployment rates for Negroes and whites as of this Spring, but it is only a thermafax of unpublished data from the Department of Commerce. It is rather hard to reproduce from thermafax copy, and the amount of typing would be fairly considerable in copying it that way. Why don't you first try writing to Mr. Herman P. Miller, Bureau of the Census, Washington 25, D. C.? If you can't get it from him, let me know and I'll get the tables copied for you here.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:a

June 21, 1961

General Lucius D. Clay
Continental Can Company, Inc.
100 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear General Clay:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your Atlanta address to the Governor's Conference on Trade and Commerce. I have read it with great interest and have shared the admiration which I am sure all those who heard it had.

We have endeavored, from time to time, to circulate to Southern business and some political leaders statements such as yours which discuss the crucial social and political problems of the South. Enclosed with this letter are copies of a few such statements that we have, with the permission of the authors, reproduced and distributed.

We would like your consent to make this use of your speech. The form would be similar to that of the enclosed L-22.

Because discussion of tax laws is not really appropriate to either our organizational purpose or our tax-exemption certificate, we would delete those portions of your address which commented in specifics on the Georgia tax laws. I am enclosing a copy of your address which will show you exactly those portions that we would omit.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:A
Enclosures:
  marked speech
  L-22, L-24, HH, LC

June 21, 1961

Dr. F. D. Patterson
Director
Phelps Stokes Fund
297 Park Avenue South
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Patterson:

The Capahosic Conference was for me both an instructive and enjoyable occasion. Having the government people and the student representatives there with the rest of us made for a most interesting interchange of thoughts. Thank you for inviting me.

Enclosed is my statement of expense; please make the check payable to the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:a

June 21, 1961

Mr. Hal Thurmond
Kentucky Civil Rights Advisory Committee
Box 319
Hopkinsville, Ky.

Dear Mr. Thurmond:

We are mailing you today the requested 250 copies of This I Believe; thank you for the order and check.

We are adding the four persons whose names and addresses you kindly sent to our New South mailing list for one year; we are also putting them on the "Leadership Reports" mailing list.

If we can be of any further assistance to you, do let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

June 21, 1961

Captain William P. Brown
New York City Police Department
299 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Dear Capt. Brown:

About the time you wrote, Harold Fleming was leaving the Council and I was stepping into his job. This is the only reason I can give you as an even partial excuse for the fact that somehow your letter got misplaced in the office shuffle. I am terribly sorry and apologetic.

We are enclosing one or two things which we have done on the student protest movement, which you apparently have not received.

Here are some tentative answers to your questions.

1) The cities which are having or seem likely to have law enforcement difficulties: New Orleans, Birmingham, Jacksonville, Tallahassee, Montgomery, Jackson; perhaps Pensacola.

2) Cities where the police are doing or are likely to do a good job: Atlanta, Dallas, Little Rock, Louisville, Lexington (Ky.), Nashville, Charlotte, Knoxville, Savannah (?), Rock Hill are some.

3) Cities in which a poor job is being done or is likely to be done: Birmingham, Montgomery, Jacksonville, New Orleans, Tallahassee are some.

I haven't answered question No. 4. I think it would depend pretty largely upon what kind of help were available and under what auspices.

Let me know if we can be of any further help to you.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:a
Enclosures:
Price, Toward a Solution of the Sit-in Controversy
McMillan, Racial Violence and Law Enforcement
Westfeldt, Settling a Sit-in
New South, December 1960, "Jacksonville Experience"
The Freedom Ride
L-20

June 21, 1961

Mrs. E. U. Robinson
P. O. Box 140
Lebanon, Tennessee

Dear Ruth,

Our Workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned will be at Clark College, November 6 and 7. It will mean that the women for the most part will have to arrive on Sunday.

Now, don't you have anything happen to you as it did last year. Mark this date on your calendar, and be present by 10 A.M. at Clark College, November 6 and 7.

Best wishes to you and Mr. Robinson.

Sincerely,

MET/jf

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

June 21, 1961

Mrs. H. V. Richardson
9 McDonough Blvd., S.E.
Atlanta 15, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Richardson:

Our Workshop for the Fellowship of the Concerned will be at Clark College, November 6 and 7. You know Mrs. Brawley never has been able to be with us very much. We have certainly needed an official hostess---please take this place for us. You could so it so well, and it would smooth many places for me.

Here is another favor I am asking of you. Please give me names of faculty wives we should invite. I have just found out that the Kincheloes (I've forgotten how to spell the name) are at I.T.C. Mrs. Kincheloe will be quite a help in the Workshop

Thanks a heart full --- from

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/jf

June 21, 1961

Mrs. Paul Arrington
1735 Piedmont Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Bess,

I am so distressed that you are so ill. I hope by now the hospital experience is over, and you are better. I am writing to Martha to let me know how you came out.

We hope Mr. Tilly is improving--we do not know, however. There is a "bug" in his blood stream, and without warning fever rises often as high as 104 degrees.

For five weeks, death hovered about us, but he is at home now--cheerful and determined to get well.

He is a wonderful person, and often when I get home, I find some preacher has dropped in, and is talking to him and they always say they secure more strength from him than help they give him.

I do hope you, Martha Burt and Mrs. Schutt will be with us. We have not heard from the President of United Church Women of Mississippi, nor from Mrs. Patrick. Your conference secretary of C.S.R. has declined the invitation.

Here's hoping to get good news from you.

A heart full of love to you -- from

MET/jf

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

June 21, 1961

Dr. V. A. Edwards
P.O. Box 58
Tuskegee, Alabama

Dear Dr. Edwards:

First, I do want to tell how much I appreciate seeing you at Blue Ridge. I thoroughly enjoyed your workshop.

The two~~,~~ young nurses I told you about are Miss Allie Saxon and Mrs. Vedelle Bellamy. Mrs. Bellamy's name before she was married was "Brimm."

I do hope we can get these two registered for post-graduate work at Emory University School of Nursing. Miss Saxon is now on the staff at Grady Hospital, and Mrs. Bellamy is on the faculty. Grady Hospital is our city hospital.

Mrs. Bellamy said she was advised to wait by Tuskegee's Dean of Nursing. However, the time is ripe now, and we must act.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/jf

June 21, 1961

Mrs. Alfred Lexow
610 North 19th Avenue
Hollywood, Florida

Dear Genevieve Lexow:

In planning for our Workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned, Clark College, November 6 and 7, I really want some role playing on the issues or problems we face.

You had a wonderful Negro woman last year--and it may be she was the same one who was there this year. She told of what Negro women faced with their friends in their community when they attended meetings of the U.C.W., how they ridiculed, etc. I really want this person in the role playing skit, to give all of this and then we will try to solve it.

Please give me her name and address. I would like for her to come ahead--say be here Saturday or Sunday before the 6th, so the group can get together.

You will remember that we need you here November 6 and 7.

I missed you at Blue Ridge. Florida had the largest representation. I enjoyed being with Mrs. Thrasher.

Love and Thanks,

MET/jf

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

June 21, 1961

Dr. Lewis H. Deer
United Christian Missionary Society
222 South Downey Avenue
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

Dear Dr. Deer:

The Workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned will be at Clark College, Atlanta, November 6 and 7.

Again I am asking you to give us a list of your State Presidents of our southern states so that we might invite them to attend and to share in the Workshop. I would appreciate having this list at an early date.

Your speech to us in 1959 is often and often quoted. You may remember you quoted Henry Leipec's figures on the population of the world that came out in his article in March, 1959 issue of Social Action. From this you built your speech, "on this kind of world we live in."

You answered well the statement, "we must not go too fast" --by giving us this sentence, "In a world so fast, social upheaval, rapid motion,,and mechanical instruments, it is imperinent to talk about waiting."

My, how we thank you for you speech to us.

Best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

MET/jf

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

June 21, 1961

Social Sciences Specialist
Reference Department
The University Library
University of California
Davis, California

Dear Sir:

We are mailing you today, separately, the publications ordered. We hope you find them of use.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

June 21, 1961

Mr. James Stokely
405 Clifton Heights
Newport, Tennessee

Dear Jim:

Good.

We thought of Frances Pickens Miller, but he has now moved to Washington and I have not yet learned whether he has changed his legal residence. Harry Golden is a possibility, though we have, I think, a pretty full crew now. Vann Woodward and Ralph McGill are not SRC members.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:A

June 22, 1961

Mrs. J. A. Burt
4235 Meadowlane Drive
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Martha,

I've had a distressing letter from Bess Arrington, telling me of her illness. Please write how she is.

Another thing, I would like so much to hear about your family. Is Betty still sailing through school? How is the boy and Mr. Burt? Are you still with The Advocate?

We almost got your Bishop, but God was good to us, and we have Bishop Smith, and he is doing wonders for us. The South Georgia Conference has met, and passed recommendations that ministers ~~met~~ meet together across racial lines, and that interracial groups be formed in each town. The Bishop backed them up in a wonderful speech.

Our Conference meets next week, and hither-to-fore we have been more liberal in all social questions than the South Georgia people.

Love and best wishes to you and yours.

Sincerely,

MET/jf

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

June 22, 1961

Mr. Aryeh Neier
Associate Editor
CURRENT
905 Madison Avenue
New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Neier:

We are mailing you today the remaining 1,000 copies of This I Believe.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

June 22, 1961

The Honorable Elbert N. Carvel
Governor of Delaware
State Capitol Building
Dover, Delaware

My dear Governor Carvel:

I enjoyed very much my recent opportunity to meet you. I am afraid that I know too little of the problems of Delaware to have been of much service to you. If any occasion should arise, however, when you think either I or Col. Muse could be of assistance, please let me know.

As you requested, I am sending you a short statement of the history and aims of the Southern Regional Council, together with a listing of our officers and other members. Enclosed also are a few of our recent publications.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:a

School Desegregation: the first six years
Collins, The South and the Nation
The Freedom Ride
The Federal Executive and Civil Rights
SRC: history and aims
SRC: officers and members

June 22, 1961

Mr. Ed Townsend
Labor Editor
Business Week
330 West 42nd Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Townsend:

At the request of Mr. Harry Fleischman, we are sending you the enclosed copy of a speech by General Lucius D. Clay, May 22, 1961, to the Governor's Conference on Trade and Commerce. Mr. Fleischman thought you would be interested in reading it.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

ENC: address

June 22, 1961

Mr. M. Mindlin
Managing Editor
Forum Service
Summit House
1-2 Langham Place
London, W.1
England

Dear Mr. Mindlin:

May I have until July 15th? If so, I will get an article off to you.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:A
Airmail

June 22, 1961

Mr. Mathew Ahmann
National Catholic Conference
for Interracial Justice
21 W. Superior Street
Chicago 10, Illinois

Dear Mat:

I hope by now you have reached Ben Muse. If not, he will be here in the office in the late afternoon of June 27th.

We are sending you under separate cover a selection of things, any of which we could supply for your conference unless the quantities were too large. I would particularly call your attention to the following, which are included in the bundle you will get: Action Patterns in School Desegregation, The Louisville Story, Desegregation in the Baltimore City Schools, L-Report 15 "Types of Desegregation Plans".

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:A

In addition:
Desegregation: the first 6 years
If the Schools are Closed....
L-Reports 16, 17, 8, 6
Special Report: The Washington Story
" " The Louisville Story

June 22, 1961

Mrs. Stephen C. Meisberg
1422 Lyncrest Avenue
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Meisberg;

We regret that you will not be able to attend the Workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned, November 6 and 7.

We appreciate your suggestion that we invite Mrs. C. Alford and we have forwarded her an invitation. Mrs. Schutt has accepted a place as a Workshop Group Leader.

If you find later that you can come, let us know. Four from Mississippi will not be too many.

Sincerely,

MET/jf

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

June 22, 1961

Mrs. C. W. Greenlee
2224 Florida Avenue
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Greenlee:

I do hope you will find it possible to be at the Workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned, November 6 and 7.

Thelma Stevens of the Women's Division and Mrs. Wilcox, secretary of Christian Social Relations of the Southeastern Jurisdiction will be with us.

Everyone has the choice of staying at the Piedmont Hotel or Atlanta University. We hope Mrs. Newman will come.

Sincerely yours,

MET/jf

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

June 22, 1961

Mrs. C. C. Alford
623 Chicksaw Avenue
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Alford:

Mrs. Meisberg, Mississippi President of the United Church Women, finds it impossible to attend the Workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned, November 6 and 7. She has suggested that you be invited to represent her.

Mrs. Schutt will be with us and share in the Workshop. We would like very much to have you with us.

Sincerely yours,

MET/jf

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

June 22, 1961

Mr. David B. Isbell
Assistant Staff Director
Laws, Plans and Research Division
Commission on Civil Rights
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Isbell:

Many thanks for your letter of June 19 and the enclosures.

As requested, I am sending a copy of the Tennessee voting statistics. The pencilled notes are ones I have made from time to time from the newspapers.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:A
Enclosure: verifax copy,
Tenn. voting statistics

June 22, 1961

Mrs. Ben Russell
824 Tusculum Boulevard
Greeneville, Tennessee

Dear Jean;

I would be perfectly willing to go along with Jean Fairfax's suggestion if this is the best we can do. Having been involved in the original suggestion for the committee, however, I would hope we could make one more effort to convene it. You may know that Art Levin is now in Washington for a four months period. I have a meeting in Baltimore the week-end of July 14-16, and will probably be going to Virginia in August when our new state director takes over there. I believe that Will has some sort of meeting in New York this summer. Might it not be possible to schedule a meeting in Washington which would accommodate Jean Fairfax? If I were already as far North as Washington for other purposes, I could probably justify travel on to New York or Philadelphia, but this would seem pretty far off center unless two or three of us were already there. How goes your schedule?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

June 22, 1961

Miss Camille C. Levy
706 E. Cheves Street
Florence, South Carolina

Dear Miss Levy:

We are enclosing several pieces of material concerning the use of biracial committees. You will note that report L-20 lists places where biracial committees are or were in existence, on pages 4 and 5. Florence is listed there has a community which has had a biracial committee and we will appreciate any information you can provide as to whether such a committee ever actually existed. This listing was based on a report from the South Carolina Council on Human Relations to the effect that Mayor McLeod did convene an interracial committee following sit-ins in Florence by high school students. Judging from your letter, this report must have been in error, or perhaps the committee met only once or twice.

It has been our experience that such an interracial committee can be of real value if the appointing authority sincerely desires a negotiated solution. Where the appointing authority is seeking delay or attempting to use the committee as a device to prevent change, the biracial committee is not only useless, but provides negative experience which makes it more difficult for negotiation in the future.

I hope you will let us know what success you may have with your efforts in Florence.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm
Enclosures
cc: Alice Spearman

June 22, 1961

Mr. Leland L. Fairbanks
6304 A Hampton Boulevard
Norfolk 8, Virginia

Dear Mr. Fairbanks:

We have been quite interested here in the questionnaire of the Subcommittee on Churches of the Norfolk Council on Human Relations and its plans to work in close cooperation with the churches. I hope you will share with us results of your questionnaire to pastors. Perhaps the experience of your project will be helpful to other local council groups.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

June 22, 1961

Mrs. I. Hardeman
3609 Brownsboro Road #3D
Louisville 7, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Hardeman:

Thank you for sending us the unsigned statement which was mailed to you on one of our publications. Of course, we certainly do not approve of such unsigned letters going out with our material. Unfortummtely, with many thousands of copies of this publication in circulation, it is impossible to know the source of this kind of activity.

I did not have an opportunity to read your letter in the Courier-Journal , but this sort of response would certainly seem to be based on a rather tortured construction of the point you were making. We get this kind of reaction from time to time. It seems to be inevitable when you attempt to take a position in this area. We always assume that the vast majority of readers do understand the points that you have expressed, and I am sure that this is true in the case of your letter to the dditor.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

June 22, 1961

Mr. Al Payne
General Secretary
Y.M.C.A.
Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Blacksburg, Virginia

Dear Al:

Thank you for sending on the New Yorker article. I had not seen it and would not have been aware that it was based in Blacksburg. I thought it particularly interesting and well written. I like the fairly casual and constructive picture given of desegregation at VPI.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

June 22, 1961

The Rev. Eugene Peacock
Dexter Avenue Methodist Church
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Gene:

I have heard from time to time through Joe Lowry, Richard Shapiro of the ADL, and others of the significant and constructive role you have been playing in Mobile in the area of interracial understanding and negotiation. I have just learned of your transfer to Montgomery, which will be a severe loss to Mobile, but will provide much needed leadership in Montgomery.

As you may know, I am currently working with the Southern Regional Council in this critical area of race relations, and have had occasion from time to time to work with the Rev. Welton Gregory who is currently director of education for the Alabama - West Florida District.

I hope to see you on a future trip to Montgomery, and would like to wish you luck in your assignment.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

bc - Welton Gregory

June 22, 1961

Hammer & Company Associates, Inc.
70 Fairlie Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Gentlemen:

Dr. Dunbar has asked me to remind you to submit the bill for Miss Amy Collins services rendered to the Southern Regional Council a few weeks ago.

We plan to do an audit as of June 30, and would not like to have this show as an accounts payable at that time.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth House Alexander
Secretary-Treasurer

RHA/hs

June 23, 1961

Mr. Victor E. Kerr
Health and Physical Education Department
South Carolina State College
Orangeburg, S. C.

Dear Mr. Kerr:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, our recent report on The Freedom Ride, as you requested. There is no charge for one copy.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Enclosure: publications list

June 23, 1961

Miss Norma J. Jones
Commission on Human Rights
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Miss Jones:

We are entering two-year subscriptions to New South for the two new members of the Commission on Human Rights as you requested. We are also adding their names to our L-Report mailing list.

We do not publish Southern School News; you will need to write to Southern Education Reporting Service, Box 6156, Acklen Station, Nashville 12, Tenn. to subscribe to this.

Our statement is enclosed, as you requested.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

June 23, 1961

Mrs. E. S. Ramsey
c/o Mrs. Narrisa Perry
1349 East Russell Street
Orangeburg, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Ramsey:

We are mailing you under separate cover some materials on school desegregation; we hope this will be helpful to you in your project this summer.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
New South, Oct. 1960, "Desegregation Entering New Phase"
"The Snail's Pace of School Desegregation"
Feb. 1961, "Georgia Abandons Massive Resistance"
"Higher Education Desegregation"
March 1961, "New Orleans and the South"
May 1961, "The South Says It Will Come"
"Deep South Facing Desegregation"
The Truth About Desegregation in Washington's Schools
L-15, 16, 17, 25
School Desegregation: the first six years
A Report on School Desegregation for 1960-61

June 23, 1961

Mr. Galen Martin
Executive Director
Commission on Human Rights
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Martin:

We will be pleased to send you a supply of our latest publication list for the state-wide Governor's Conference to be held July 7. We are also sending you a box of assorted materials which you may use for display with the notation that we will be happy to supply one copy of any item free on request. Will this be helpful?

Unfortunately, the materials that we have for free distribution in the quantity you would need are so old as to be practically useless.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
- Racial Crisis and the Press
- The South and the Nation
- Racial Violence and Law Enforcement
- The Negro and the Ballot in the South
- School Desegregation: the first six years
- The Freedom Ride
- The Federal Executive and Civil Rights (.50)
  (this is the only thing we would charge for)

June 23, 1961

Mr. Oliver Smith
Associate Secretary
Southwest Area Council
National Council of YMCA
3012 Maple Avenue
Dallas 4, Texas

Dear Mr. Smith:

We mailed you the first of this week a packet of selected materials put out by SRC; when you have had an opportunity to look them over, write to us again if you still think you would like to be placed on our mailing list. We are always pleased to mail our materials to persons who will use them. We do not, however, maintain a general mailing list. The requested information about the Southern Regional Council is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
School Desegregation: the first 6 years
Racial Violence and Law Enforcement
The Church in Areas of Racial Tension
This I Believe
The Freedom Ride

June 23, 1961

The Rev. William K. Williams
Florida Council on Human Relations
4241 S. W. 109th Court
Miami 55, Florida

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your report on the school situation. Your analysis of Pensacola was a little less dark than we had feared. I do hope that you can consider concentrating some efforts there, if any doors are open. It would seem to be tragic to have no community preparation efforts, and I think August might be rather late to get any cranked up. I am sending on to you some information on the OASIS efforts here, which include some of the things that were done in Miami. Are there people in Pensacola that some of these indications of other efforts might go to? I look forward to getting your insights first-hand next month. I will probably take a few days off and visit my Mother in Lauderdale following the meeting.

Les is anxious for us to have some first-hand contact with the Pensacola situation, if possible. Unless you think it might muddy the waters, I would like to consider spending a day or two there while in Florida. Would your schedule permit our going together, or will you have been there too recently?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm
Enclosures

June 23, 1961

Mrs. William Pauley
Georgia Council on Human Relations
41 Exchange Place, S. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Frances:

Thought this would be of interest to you. You might want to check it with some of your Gainesville contacts and see whether this proposed redistricting is judged to be legitimate or is an effort to gerrymander Negroes into mostly segregated districts. You will remember June Smith Woodruff who helped with World Politics. She would have some good insights and is, I believe, a member of the Georgia Council. It is her brother who is chairman of the school board. This may be confidential information, so should be handled discreetly.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm
Enclosure

June 23, 1961

Mr. Maxwell Hahh
Executive Vice President
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hahn:

I am writing in support of the National Student Association's application for an extension of the Southern Students Human Relations Project. We have been in close touch here with Miss Connie Curry, the director of the project, and have had good opportunity to observe the activities of the project.

In my opinion, Miss Curry's efforts have been of significant value in the South. She has been able to provide channels between white and Negro students in a number of areas and has also been effective in interpreting the ferment of the student movement to liberal and moderate whites, and for that matter, to intergroup officials in the South. I consider that Miss Curry's work has been practical, realistic, responsible and helpful.

I have been in attendance for several days at each of the annual Student Seminars. Although these touch only a small group of students, they have, I believe, been useful in giving at least some leaders the depth and background too often lacking.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

June 23, 1961

Mr. Galen Martin
Executive Director
Commission on Human Rights
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Galen:

It was good to see you in Little Rock. As an old Reuther partisan myself, I thrilled every time you rushed to the defense of him and his knights of toil.

We are interested in your summer plans. I have some hope that late this Summer we may get out another report on the Student Protest Movement, concentrating pretty much on adding up the score and getting the facts straightened out. I really have little to suggest to you in the way of materials. The two things enclosed may be of some value (we helped subsidize the Westfeldt job). I am not quite clear what you mean by our report on the North Carolina sit-ins, inasmuch as we never did one. You probably are referring to the Margaret Price report, but in case you aren't I am enclosing that too. We do not have any interview schedules.

The teacher desegregation study is, if anything, even more interesting and I am glad to see that not only Lee Coleman but Willis Sutton is being put to work (I don't know Dr. Kaplin). I assume you are in touch with Dr. John W. Davis, Special Director, Teacher Information and Security, NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund, 10 Columbus Circle, New York 19). A couple of things have appeared in the Journals; you may want to look at:

The Journal of Negro Education, Vol. XXIX, Winter, 1960, No. 1, Daniel C. Thompson, "Problems of Faculty Morale," p. 37.

The Journal of Negro Education, same issue. Albert W. Spruill, "The Negro Teacher in the Process of Desegregation of Schools," p. 80.

Articles on various aspects of the student protest movement:

The Journal of Negro Education, Vol. XXIX, Spring, 1960, No. 2, Charles H. Thompson, "Editorial Comment: Desegregation Pushed Off Dead Center," p. 107.

____________, Vol. XXX, Winter, 1961, No. 1, Hurley Doddy, "Editorial Comment: The Sit-In Demostrations and the Dilemma of the Negro College President," p. 1.

____________, Vol. XXX, Spring, 1961, No. 2, L. H. Foster, "Race Relations in the South, 1960," p. 138.

Phylon, Spring, 1961, W. M. Phillips, Jr., "The Boycott: A Negro Community in Conflict," p. 24.

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With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:A
(signed in Mr. Dunbar's absence)

Enclosure:
Westfeldt, Settling a Sit-in (Nashville)
Price, Toward a Solution of the Sit-in Controversy
CORE, Sit Ins, the Students Report

June 23, 1961

Mr. George McMillan
Box 299
Aiken, S. C.

Dear Mr. McMillan:

Les asked me to see what I could do about your request for a copy of The Negro in Chicago, published around 1918 by the Chicago Commission on Race Relations. I called the Negro Collection Department at Atlanta University, and they do have this. They do not ordinarily let anything out of this section, especially something they probably could never replace. I asked the person I was talking with to check with the librarian, Mr. Bennett, to see if it would be possible to borrow this for a short time. She called while I was taking dictation to say they were mailing it to me! Now, of course, this was not what I had in mind, but I did not stop them. I thought I would look it over, and if it is not too long, I'll try copying it. If it is too long, I'll return it promptly. Les suggests that you write Mr. Bennett and ask if you can borrow it, or he thought you might be able to get it at the state university library, since AU has it. He said you had an arrangement for borrowing books from the university library. If the book comes in this afternoon, I'll let you know right away if it is too long to copy. However, we may not receive it until Monday.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

June 23, 1961

Mr. David H. Briggs
Division of Psychology & Education
Maryville College
Maryville, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Briggs:

We are mailing you today, under separate cover, the requested five reprints of This I Believe. We have been selling these at cost: .02 each, plus postage.

We are pleased that you think so highly of this publication.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

June 23, 1961

Miss Olga K. Robinson
302 Laurel Avenue
Menlo Park, California

Dear Mrs. Robinson:

Yes, the fifty cents was still enclosed! We are mailing you today, under separate cover, the 20 copies of This I Believe. I am enclosing one of our publication lists, for your possible interest.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

June 23, 1961

Mr. Morton B. King, Jr.
3304 Daniels
Dallas 5, Texas

Dear Mr. King:

We are enclosing the requested reprint of This I Believe. There is no charge for one copy; more than one would be .02 each, plus postage, in any quantity--this is cost, to us. I am also enclosing our publications list, for your possible interest.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

June 23, 1961

Mrs. Wallace Buchanan
2323 20th Avenue South
Birmingham 9, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Buchanan:

As you requested, we are enclosing a list of our publications and a statement of SRC aims and purposes.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

June 23, 1961

Miss Mary Edna Voigt
Vice President
Young Christian Workers
18 E. 37th Street
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Miss Voigt:

We are mailing you today, under separate cover, some publications which will give you an idea of the problems in the South--and the nation. A statement of the origin and aims of SRC is also enclosed, as you requested, along with a publications list for your possible interest.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
- This I Believe
- The Church in Areas of Racial Tension
- School Desegregation: the first 6 years
- The Negro and the Ballot in the South
- The Freedom Ride
- The Student Protest Movement

June 23, 1961

Mrs. Richard H. Bauer
c/o WSCS School of Missions
Ohio Wesleyan University
Delaware, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Bauer:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, the requested copy of The Negro and the Ballot in the South and several other publications which you may find helpful in your teaching this summer, "The Church and Public Affairs." We are sending them special handling, and I hope the package will arrive by Monday or Tuesday.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
The Negro and the Ballot
Georgia's Divided Education
Racial Violence and Law Enforcement
The South and the Nation
The Church in Areas of Racial Tension
This I Beleive
The Roots of Bias
The Freedom Ride

June 23, 1961

Mrs. Molly Mandell
Research Division
Democratic National Committee
1730 K Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Mandell:

We are mailing you today, under separate cover, the requested copy of The Negro and the Ballot in the South. Enclosed, for your possible interest, is a list of our publications. If we can be of any further help to you, please write again.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

June 26, 1961

Mr. William H. Stein, Jr.
168 East 74th Street
New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Stein:

We are mailing you today, under separate cover, our reports on the sit-ins. Since your interest is in legal defense, we are also including a reprint from the Duke Law Journal, "Dime Store Demonstrations: Events and Legal Problems of First Sixty Days," by Daniel H. Pollitt, and a thermafax copy of an article by Leslie W. Dunbar in the Negro Educational Review, special issue on the Student Sit-Ins.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
- Civil Disobedience
- The Student Protest Movement
- Toward A Solution of the Sit-in Controversy
- Lunch-Counter Desegregation in ..... Texas
- Dime Store Demonstrations: Events & Legal Problems
- Legislatures and Students
- Settling a Sit-in

June 26, 1961

Mr. L. F. Palmer, Jr.
8108 S. Ingleside Avenue
Chicago 19, Illinois

Dear Mr. Palmer:

We are mailing you today the requested copy of our recent report, The Freedom Ride. We are also adding your name to our mailing list to receive subsequent research reports as they are issued.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

June 26, 1961

The States' Rights Council of Georgia, Inc.
William-Oliver Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sirs:

We would like to have one copy each of the following publications:

We Need Not Integrate to Educate, by Charles J. Bloch

Congressman James C. Davis Speaks to the States' Rights Council

Integration by Default, by Pittman

Our payment of .75 is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

June 26, 1961

Mr. Glenn O. Carey
Assistant Professor of English
State University College of Education
Cortland, New York

Dear Professor Carey:

Let me say first that I have read a fair bit of Faulkner but, in relation to the whole corpus of his work, not enough for my judgment to merit any special weight. I have read but little of the critical comment on his work. Further, though I regard him highly, he has never seemed to me as "great" as critical opinion holds: this is not a point I presume to argue; I mention it only so that you can evaluate my comment. Now to attempt an answer to your query.

Faulkner, I think, regards the bi-racial society of the South to be both its defining characteristic and the source of its guilt. When I say "its guilt" I would mean the white South's guilt, but I believe Faulkner would mean "the South's," for he tands -- unless he tries hard to do otherwise -- to be racially possessive about the South. If the Negro problem is the South's guilt -- and a huge one it is in his comprehension -- that does not mean that the South is distinctively sinful; all societies and all individuals are loaded with guilt: what is especially interesting and stirring and anxious about the South is that it has no way of reducing its guilt -- its accumulation of historical wrongdoings -- to an abstraction. Here the guilt has to be faced in the intricacies of men's relationships to their neighbors, lived with constantly and directly and personally. Faulkner, I infer, dislikes -- or disapproves of or regrets or rejects -- two sorts of people. Those who by brutality or policy add to the South's burden of wrongdoing; and those (such as myself, perhaps) who seek to hasten change before the complete expiation of guilt. But he recognizes, clearly I think, that world history is carrying the South's racial problem toward a solution, and although he may regret, not the pace but the superficiality of, that solution he awaits it, as an observer.

I am enclosing an old reprint we did of a Faulkner lecture, which you probably have already read; also, a few paragraphs from an article I wrote for the April issue of the Italian magazine

Il Ponte: these contain some quick remarks about Southern novelists and racial issues.

Finally, let me recommend to you Paul Gaston, a young historian at the University of Virginia, who knows the South well and who has thought deeply about Faulkner.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm
Enclosures

June 26, 1961

Via Air Mail

Mrs. Helen Hill Miller
Executive Secretary
Edgar Stern Family Fund
1299 National Press Building
Washington 4, D. C.

Dear Helen:

I left Knoxville Friday with something of the proverbial "bear by the tail" feeling. By today, however, spirits are renewed. If you had a similar experience Friday, I trust it has been equally fleeting.

Paul and I had a long and good interview with General Vogel. My impression was that he is keenly desirous of having what he refers to as an "International House," that he is surprisingly relaxed and sophisticated about the racial question, and that he has a great deal of confidence in you and in your judgment. I am thoroughly glad that Paul Evans kept forcing everyone to confront the question of racial relations and local reactions. Mr. Jones is nervous and I suspect likely to remain so,whatever happens or doesn't happen, but I think this is something we can live with.

Ashford Todd drove us back to town only because he insisted and because he really wanted to talk further. We discussed several alternative ways of proceding at this point, without conclusively settling on anything. Todd's last thought was that he would try to negotiate terms which we would then have time to consider and that this could be done without an option to lease. He said that he would work on this this week, that he would also have his boiler and structure men in to inspect, and that he would try to get a sketch of the floor plan for us. Incidentally, I asked General Vogel if TVA personnel might supervise or help supervise the improvements and he said he thought they might.

As I told you we would, we discussed this today with William Pulgram, an associate in the Atlanta architectural firm of Finch, Alexander, Barnes, Rothschild, and Paschall Bill has the time and the interest to work with us. His firm charges either on a percentage of cost or an hourly basis and I think by all odds the latter would be desirable for us. The fee per hour is $8.00, $10.00, OR $12.00 for the time, respectively, of draftsmen, associates, and principals. There would probably be no need of involving the principals and Bill thought the charge would average something less than $10.00 per hour plus travel and other reimbursable costs.

You will recall that we discussed engaging Pulgram to draw up plans for interior space utilization, together with an estimate of capital costs. It seems to us that this is essential before finally entering into a lease. We, of course, would have to give him specifications as to the kinds of rooms and space required for program and for lodging and services. Incidentally, after further discussion Friday with Bill Shafer and Paul Evans, it seemed to us desirable to plan accommodations for 30-35 people.

After you have had a chance to consider this, could you call me and let me know what you think about engaging Pulgram? You may recall that I also indicated that we should get professional advice on the interior furnishings and decorations. It is not only a matter of purchasing someone else's taste. It is more importantly a matter of getting experience and advice on materials, on what to buy and where to buy it, on economies of quantity purchases, etc. If the Stern Fund would not want to underwrite this sort of service, as well as the space planning, by a special grant, I think we would want to do it anyhow and that I would ask Pulgram to keep separate accounts for billing us.

Although our thinking is far from jelled, it begins to seem that we face two alternatives. One is that improvements necessary to getting the house open be paid for by a special grant. The other, and perhaps better alternative, is that costs be scrutinized by you and discussed with you in advance, that we be authorized during the first year of operations to draw on the second year grant, and that at the end of the first year of operations, with the year's experience behind us, that we examine the whole situation and ascertain whether the total grant will be sufficient for the five year period. I should think that it would be; our problem will be to get through the first year.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

June 27, 1961

Professor Clarence H. Patrick
Department of Sociology
Wake Forest College
Winston-Salem, N. C.

Dear Professor Patrick:

We would like very much to have another 100 copies of your Lunch-Counter Desegregation in Winston-Salem, North Carolina pamphlet. We had understood there was a possibility it would be reprinted. If and when any more copies are available, would you please let us know? We have a great many requests for materials on the sit-ins and would like to include the Winston-Salem material in filling them.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

June 27, 1961

Miss Josephine Wilkins
% Warm Mineral Springs Inn, Inc.
P. O. Box 1594
Venice, Florida

Dear Josephine:

Thank you for your warm and understanding letter of June 1. With our new people arriving next week, I think the air around here will become much lighter.

Paul Anthony and I met Helen Hill Miller in Knoxville Friday to inspect a possible location. As the old phrase goes, "it has possibilities." I will be writing to you and other members of the Executive Committee more about it soon, I expect. In the meantime, best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

June 27, 1961

Miss Margaret Fisher
National Committee Against Discrimination
 in Housing
426 West 58th Street
New York 19, New York

Dear Miss Fisher:

I believe that in my absence the copies of L-25 which you requested were mailed. If you wish any more, let me know.

Many thanks for your good wishes. I hope that some time soon we can have a chance to meet.

Sincerely,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

June 27, 1961

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
The Field Foundation
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Max:

Belatedly, I am sending you a copy of my memorandum to our Executive Committee regarding a proposed foreign visitor center at Knoxville. Not much has happened since, except that we have looked at one possible site and are exploring the costs in the picture now.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm
Enclosure

June 27, 1961

Professor Mozell Hill
Adviser in Social Science
University of Nigeria
Nsukka, Nigeria

Dear Professor Hill:

Many thanks for your letter of June 19. We have appointed a research director who will begin work next week. He is, I think, a most happy choice: James Moss, now in the Sociology Department at Union College and perhaps a former student of yours, inasmuch as he got his Ph.D. at Columbia.

Many thanks for your good wishes. Harold Fleming left us not long ago to head up the Potomac Institute, a new civil rights and racial relations agency in Washington. I will give him and Dr. Clement your regards when I next see them.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

June 27, 1961

Dr. Kenneth Clark
Northside Center
31 West 110 Street
New York, New York

Dear Professor Clark:

I would like to add my congratulations to the many you must be receiving for having been chosen Springarn Medalist. This is a highly deserved recognition.

I hope that our paths shall cross soon; I have long looked forward to an opportunity to meet you.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

June 27, 1961

Miss Katherine Jones
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tenn.

Dear Miss Jones:

We have used up our supply of Wallace Westfeldt's Settling a Sit-in. Do you have any extra copies you could let us have? If not, we will order from the Nashville Community Relations Conference--if they have any more copies available. We would like to have another 100 copies; the bill should be sent to the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

June 28, 1961

Mr. Oscar Cohen
Program Director
Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai B'Ri~~gh~~th ✓ c on orig
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Cohen:

For some time I have been planning a trip to New York to renew our contacts with some of the intergroup relations personnel based there.

I realize that July is not a good time to find people at their desks, but I will be in New York on July 10th. I would like to stay over several days if this would givd me an opportunity to meet with some of you.

I would appreciate it if you could let me know as soon as possible if you would be available for consultation at some time July 10th through July 13th.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

June 28, 1961

Mr. Patrick Malin
Executive Director
American Civil Liberties Union
170 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Malin:

For some time I have been planning a trip to New York to renew our contacts with some of the intergroup relations personnel based there.

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Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

June 28, 1961

Mr. David Danzig
Program Director
American Jewish Committee
165 East 56th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Dave:

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Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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June 28, 1961

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
Director, National Affairs
American Jewish Committee
165 East 56th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Ed:

For some time I have been planning a trip to New York to renew our contacts with some of the intergroup relations personnel based there.

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Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

June 28, 1961

Mr. Leo Pfeffer
Director, Commission on Law and Social Action
American Jewish Congress
15 East 84th Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Mr. Pfeffer:

For some time I have been planning a trip to New York to renew our contacts with some of the intergroup relations personnel based there.

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Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

June 28, 1961

Mr. James Farmer
Congress of Racial Equality
38 Park Row
New York 38, New York

Dear Mr. Farmer:

For some time I have been planning a trip to New York to renew our contacts with some of the intergroup relations personnel based there.

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Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

June 28, 1961

Mr. Gordon Carey
Congress of Racial Equality
38 Park Row
New York 38, New York

Dear Gordon:

For some time I have been planning a trip to New York to renew our contacts with some of the intergroup relations personnel based there.

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Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

June 28, 1961

Mr. Emanuel Muravchik
Director, Anti-Discrimination Department
Jewish Labor Committee
25 East 78th Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Manny:

For some time I have been planning a trip to New York to renew our contacts with some of the intergroup relations personnel based there.

I realize that July is not a good time to find people at their desks, but I will be in New York on July 10th. I would like to stay over several days if this would give me an opportunity to meet with some of you.

I would appreciate it if you could let me know as soon as possible if you would be available for consultation at some time July 10th through July 13th.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

June 28, 1961

Mr. Roy Wilkins
Executive Secretary
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. Wilkins:

For some time I have been planning a trip to New York to renew our contacts with some of the intergroup relations personnel based there.

I realize that July is not a good time to find people at their desks, but I will be in New York on July 10th. I would like to stay over several days if this would give me an opportunity to meet with some of you.

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Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
s
Director of Field Activitiew

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June 28, 1961

Miss June Shagaloff
NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.
10 Columbus Circle
New York 19, New York

Dear Miss Shagaloff:

For some time I have been planning a trip to New York to renew our contacts with some of the intergroup relations personnel based there.

I realize that July is not a good time to find people at their desks, but I will be in New York on July 10th. I would like to stay over several days if this would give me an opportunity to meet with some of you.

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Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

June 28, 1961

Mr. John Lassoe, Jr.
Executive Secretary
National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials
426 West 58th Street
New York 19, New York

Dear John:

For some time I have been planning a trip to New York to renew our contacts with some of the intergroup relationw personnel based there.

I realize that July is not a good time to find people at their desks, but I will be in New York on July 10th. I would like to stay over several days if this would give me an opportunity to meet with some of you.

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Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

June 28, 1961

Mr. Whitney Young
National Urban League, Inc.
14 East 48th Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Whitney:

For some time I have been planning a trip to New York to renew our contacts with some of the intergroup relations personnel based there.

I realize that July is not a good time to find people at their desks, but I will be in New York on July 10th. I would like to stay over several days if this would give me an opportunity to meet with some of you.

I would appreciate it if you could let me know as soon as possible if you would be available for consultation at some time July 10th through July 13th.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

June 28, 1961

Mr. Harry Fleischman
National Labor Service
American Jewish Committee
165 East 56th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Fleischman:

For some time I have been planning a trip to New York to renew our contacts with some of the intergroup relations personnel based there.

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Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

June 28, 1961

Mr. Dan Dodson
Human Relations Center
New York University
New York 3, New York

Dear Dan:

For some time I have been planning a trip to New York to renew our contacts with some of the intergroup relations personnel based there.

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Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

June 28, 1961

Mr. Leo Marsh
National Council of YMCA's
291 Broadway
New York 7, New York

Dear Leo:

For some time I have been planning a trip to New York to renew our contacts with some of the intergroup relations personnel based there.

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Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

June 28, 1961

Mr. Ralph McGill
Publisher
Atlanta Constitution
Journal-Constitution Building
Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. McGill:

Enclosed is a list of the foreign correspondents who are scheduled to be here next month. The meeting with the local press is planned for the Y.W.C.A. at 10:30 a. m., July 14. A buffet lunch will be served. We shall get out invitations to the other participants. Many thanks for agreeing to preside.

It looks as though the luncheon you mentioned with these people might be possible on either Thursday the 13th or Saturday the 15th. If you do find you can do this, would you please check with me before making any definite arrangements; the program is still being juggled and there may be some last minute changes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm
Enclosure
cc: Mr. Melvin Bergheim

June 29, 1961

Mr. Joe Schore, Director
Michigan Labor Committee for
 Human Rights
163 Madison Avenue, Suite 225
Detroit 26, Michigan

Dear Mr. Schore:

Under separate cover we are sending you the requested 50 copies of "This I Believe." The cost to us is .02 per copy or $1.00 for the shipment.

Please call on us at any time that we might be of help.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/sm

June 29, 1961

Mr. L. K. Bishop
Vice President
National Conference of Christians
and Jews
203 North Wabash, Suite 918
Chicago 1, Illinois

Dear Mr. Bishop:

Under separate cover we are sending you the requested copies of the special report, **THE FREEDOM RIDE.**

Please call on us at any time that we might be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/sm

June 29, 1961

Mr. Samuel Jones
P. O. Box 7141
Montgomery 7, Ala.

Dear Mr. Jones:

We are mailing you today, under separate cover, the requested report on the freedom ride. The report, however, was not written by Ralph McGill as you stated, but prepared by our research staff. The second item you requested I am assuming to be our Racial Violence and Law Enforcement, by George McMillan.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

June 29, 1961

Mr. Charles W. Patterson
c/o Quick
41 Kirkland Street
Cambridge 38, Mass.

Dear Mr. Patterson:

We are mailing you today, under separate cover, the requested copy of our recent report, The Freedom Ride. We do not maintain a general mailing list; however most all our publications are reviewed and listed in our monthly publication, New South. I am enclosing several issues. If you would care to subscribe to it, this would keep you informed of our own and other pertinent materials.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

June 29, 1961

The Rev. A. C. Joy
190 Clifton St. SE
Atlanta 17, Georgia

Dear Mr. Joy:

We are pleased to mail you today, under separate cover, the fifty copies of This I Believe; thank you for your order and check.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

June 29, 1961

Dr. Frederick A. Forrest
Head Librarian
Inter American University of Puerto Rico
San German, Puerto Rico

Dear Dr. Forrest:

We are pleased to have your letter of June 23, and to know of your interest in providing your sutdents with material on social problems. We do have some duplicate copies of books, and we will be shipping to you very soon a large assortment of our own materials plus some things that we have been distributing for other organizations. We are grateful for the opportunity to be of assistance to you in building up your library in this area and will put you on our mailing list to receive all subsequent research publications.

All our materials are printed in English. Perhaps some day we Yankees will become multilingual, or at least bilingual.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

June 29, 1961

Mr. Willis T. Spivey
Director'
Community Service Foundation
125 Harbor Bluff Drive
Largo, Florida

Dear Mr. Spivey:

Thank you for your renewal of the New South subscription; we are always pleased that our old friends continue to be our friends. Regarding the bulk subscriptions to ministers, editorial writers, school people, etc., we could let you have them at $1.75 each. We will be happy to send you the 50 extra copies of our September or October issue to be used for promotion.

Again, thank you for your continued interest.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

June 30, 1961

The Rev. William A. Jordan
First Presbyterian Church
13th Avenue at Fifth Street
Cordele, Georgia

Dear Mr. Jordan:

Some time ago Harold Fleming referred your request to us. Unfortunately, we do not at this time have an appropriate opening on the SRC staff nor do we know of a similar opening elsewhere. However, on occasion we are faced with the need of finding directors for the state councils on human relations which are located in most of the Southern states, and other agencies sometimes let us know of their needs. Therefore, if you would send us a brief background sheet on your training and experience, we would be happy to check it on each occasion that an opening occurs here or elsewhere.

From the above, it is obvious that there is not sufficient reason to justify a trip to Atlanta. However, at any time that you plan to be in the area, we would like very much for you to drop by.

Thank you for thinking of SRC. I am sorry that we cannot offer anything more definite at this time. It is one of the ironies of this field that people, particularly with a Southern background, are extremely hard to come by and equally hard to place except on rare occasion. There is, however, every reason to believe that we might be able to offer something of interest in time. For both the irony and the reason, I hope that you will keep in touch with us.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/sm

cc: Harold Fleming

June 30, 1961

Mr. Robert Bingham
Managing Editor
The Reporter
660 Madison Avenue
New York 21, New York

Dear Mr. Bingham:

Guy Benson has been by our office and we attempted to help.

Harold Fleming is no longer with the Council, but is now Executive Vice President of the Potomac Institute, temporary address -- 353 Shoreham Building, 15th and H Streets, N.W., Washington, D. C. The new director of SRC is Leslie Dunbar.

I hope you will continue to call on us at any time we might be of help.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/sm

July 3, 1961

Miss Elisabeth Mann Borgese
Via Vecchia Fiesolana
San Domenico
Florence, Italy

Dear Miss Borgese:

Thank you for your letter of May 24 and the generous enclosure. I received the magazine, and a most handsome book it is. I shall certainly keep in mind your suggestion to let you know if I in the future have anything on the racial problem suitable for an Italian audience.

I believe Mr. Benedict has secured your permission for the article to be published in this country in English. The Virginia Quarterly Review wishes to do it. From my point of view this is a second ideal outlet.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

July 3, 1961

Mr. Richard E. Maxwell, Jr.
5620 Court H (Vinesville)
Birmingham 8, Alqbama

Dear Mr. Maxwell:

I returned to my office this morning, and have just seen your letter of June 26th. Unfortunately, I cannot get away from Atlanta this week and will be meeting travel commitments next week. I could stop by Birmingham the week of the 17th of July, but assume this would be too late to be of any value.

If there is any specific information or material that you need, please feel free to call on us. I am forwarding under separate cover a selection of our recent publications in case you might want any for distribution.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

Mailed under separate cover:
Racial Violence and Law Enforcement
Ga's Divided Ed.
NS May 61
L 16, 23, 25
Fed. Ex. & Civil Rights
Freedom Ride
Report on Sch. Deseg 1960
Negro & Ballot
List of Current Materials

July 3, 1961

Mr. Lewis H. Deer
5355 University
Indianapolis 19, Indiana

Dear Lewis:

In the South, NCCJ seems to concentrate more on matters of interfaith concern than on other aspects of intergroup relations. In Virginia, NCCJ has sponsored some useful interracial conferences at the high school level. It is my understanding that the Florida office has made some useful contributions in the area of workshops. In the North, the organization has sometimes been in the forefront of the effort to resolve racial problems.

I am afraid that in general I share your impression of the organization in the South.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR:mm

July 3, 1961

Mr. William K. Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
4241 S. W. 109th Court
Miami 55, Florida

Dear Bill:

As of June 9 Beryl was kind enough to send some information on Mrs. Starr of Gainesville. This was helpful. If you can supply any additional information on the basis of your contacts we would appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

July 3, 1961

Mrs. Dorothy S. Norman
Executive Director
National Council for the Panel of Americans
33 East 68th Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Dorothy:

Thank you for the materials. I am moving immediately to explore possibilities with the people on the various campuses. I will keep you informed.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

cc: Dr. Kenneth Morland

July 3, 1961

Mr. Gustave Falk
American Jewish Committee
523 Fidelity Building
Dallas 2, Texas

Dear Gus:

We are anxious to have your evaluation of the prospects for orderly implementation of desegregation in Dallas this fall. What kind of preparatory efforts are underway, etc.. We are anxious to have some sort of first hand contact with communities undergoing this experience this September. Toward this end I am tentatively planning a visit to Dallas the first week of August to get the feel of how things are moving. Will you be available for consultation during that period, or would you advise a visit at a different time?

Are other major changes scheduled in Texas? I believe that Galveston is scheduled for desegregation this fall. Let me know what you can.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

July 3, 1961

Mr. Robert E. Shrider
Executive Director
Bethlehem Community Center
9 McDonough Boulevard, S.E.
Atlanta 15, Georgia

Dear Mr. Shrider:

I am looking forward to being with you at your conference October 27th. I am a little apprehensive about the broad focus of the subject you have assigned to me, but I will do my best to deal with it. We appreciate the opportunity of meeting with people from throughout the area who are carrying on the important work of community centers and neighborhood houses.

I expect I will want to talk with you in more detail when I come to the preparation of my talk. I will call or write you at that time.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Adtivities

PR:mm

July 3, 1961

Dr. M. Robert Coles
520 Beacon Street
Boston 15, Massachusetts

Dear Bob:

As I suspect you may note, the money got whacked: this a result of a cautionary telephone call to Vernon Eagle. There are two things you would want to know. One is that Vernon wants to keep the grant as low as he can. The second is that he did agree to the insertion of the penultimate sentence in the proposal which was not there when Mrs. Miller read it to you over the phone.

The fact that Vernon has connived with me a bit is no assurance that his principals will vote the money; pretty good sign, but no positive assurance.

Looking forward to seeing you soon in Atlanta. Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm
Enclosure

July 5, 1961

Mrs. C. C. Alford
632 Chicksaw Avenue
Jackson 6, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Alford:

Thank you very much for your letter. We find, however, Mrs. J. W. Patrick, Jr. of Brandon, Mississippi has been invited but has not replied.

As you suggest, we are sending an invitation to Mrs. L. A. Watkins. Mrs. Schutt will be one of the leaders of a Workshop group.

Please talk to Mrs. Watkins for us. Let her know more about the Fellowship of the Concerned.

Again thanking you, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

MET/jf

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

July 5, 1961

Miss Miriam J. Robinson
301 Hillsboro
Raliegh, North Carolina

Dear Miss Robinson:

Thank you so much for giving me the name of the new state president, and we are today forwarding her an invitation. We would be more than glad to have you attend, especially since you are an officer in your state organization.

We have funds for travel and entertainment for both of you. You will have a choice of staying at the Piedmont Hotel or the Atlanta University dormitories.

The Fellowship of the Concerned is composed of women working in the field of human relations of the various demoninations of the Protestant Church, the Catholic Church and Jewish organizations. Under seperate cover, I am forwarding you a copy of the gleanings of last year's Workshop, and am enclosing a brief history of the organization.

Hoping to see you and Mrs. Parker, November 6 and 7.

Yours very truly,

MET/jf

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

July 5, 1961

The Rev. Joe Neal Blair
6214 No. Davis Highway
Pensacola, Florida

Dear Mr. Blair:

Bill Williams has asked that we forward you a half dozen copies of a history of Atlanta's OASIS (Organizations Assisting Schools in September). I am enclosing thermafaxed copies, since mimeographed copies of the history are out-of-print at the present. It is soon to be re-run in an updated version, and six copies will be forwarded to you directly from the OASIS office.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary,
Field Activities

MM:s
CC: Mr. Bill Williams

July 5, 1961

Miss Charlotte Kohler
Editor
The Virginia Quarterly Review
One West Range
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Miss Kohler:

Thank you for your letter of June 28. I think it would be well for me to take another look at the article during the next fortnight and perhaps send you one or two changes. Southern life these days, unlike the past, is highly fluid and the chance to vary the nuances of one's thinking is always enticing.

To respond, I think sufficiently, to your query about biography, I have been Executive Director of the Council since April, Director of Research from February 1959 until then. From 1955-59 I taught at Mt. Holyoke College and from 1948-51 at Emory University: principally political philosophy. I was employed with the Atomic Energy Commission at its Savannah River Plant from 1951-54. 1954-55, I was a Guggenheim Fellow. I have contributed to a number of journals including, incidentally, two pieces for the Virginia Law Review. My Ph.D. is from Cornell University (political science, 1948).

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

July 5, 1961

Mr. Howard Dawson
Executive Secretary
Department of Rural Education
National Education Association
1201 16th Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dawson:

Thank you for your letter of June 28, addressed to Harold Fleming. Mr. Fleming is no longer with with Council, but is now Vice President of the Potomac Institute in Washington.

I regret that I will be unable to accept your invitation to the National Conference of Rural Education. Best wishes in your planning.

Sincerely,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

July 5, 1961

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Mr. Dunbar asked me to see what could be found on the "silent moderates" and send it to you. I have a few things which may be helpful.

I don't know what else can be found, unless you wish to include the save-the-sschools people who have become vocal on that issue in the past few years and seem to be getting stronger and bolder. Then there are the law-and-order people who want to preserve the peace in order to attract industry. Probably the more vocal of these do have convictions that are more noble than those expressed, and they are saying only what they think people will accept at this point. I'll try to find a few quotes you could use along this line.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Enclosed:
- Morgan, The South's Uneasy Moderates, New Leader, 6-26-61
- Pettigrew, The Myth of the Moderates, Christian Century, 5-24-61
- Sessions, Are Southern Ministers Failing the South? Saturday Evening Post, 5-13-61
- Hill, This I Believe
- The Education of the South, Time, 4-7-61
- Newsclips,

July 5, 1961

Mr. David Freeman
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Freeman:

This is to request of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund the third installment of $40,000 for support of the Southern Leadership Project for the period June 1, 1961 to May 31, 1962.

To supplement the periodic field reports and other materials that have been sent you during the year, the project director has prepared the enclosed brief summary of activities for the period April 1, 1960 to April 1, 1961. To this I would like to add the observation that Mr. Muse has been characteristically modest in his reports. The Southern Leadership Project has contributed uniquely to the largely unserviced area with which it has been concerned.

The nature of the project makes it necessary, of course, that the field work be carried on quietly. I trust, however, that the field reports have given to you and your associates an indication of the degree of success with which Messrs. Muse and Brewbaker have been able to reach and assist persons of influence and responsibility.

Also enclosed is an unaudited financial statement covering the period since December 31, the date of our last audit. You will note that there remains a balance of $17,678. During the past 12 months the project has operated at approximately the budgeted rate of $40,000 per year. This year-end balance is largely a reflection of the slower rate of expenditure during the first year of the project when consultant fees, publication costs, and related expenses were not at their present level.

We are hopeful that the major portion of this balance can be used in the management-labor area. In addition to publications which are now in preparation, one activity we have in mind, assuming we can find the right person or persons, is to put a consultant in the field at least part-time to discuss questions of employment and discrimination with employers and unions. Interpretation of the President's Executive Order 10925 to southern managers and labor officials is worth a special effort. One or two people are now in sight who might adequately perform this function.

If additional information will assist the Fund in considering this request, we shall be happy to supply it.

The Southern Regional Council is deeply grateful to the Rockefeller Brothers Fund for the assistance which has made possible this program.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm
Enclosures

SOUTHERN LEADERSHIP PROJECT

January 1, 1961 to May 31, 1961

Income

Balance, January 1, 1961		$31,366.55

Expenses

Salaries	$3,916.64	
Travel and Communication	2,138.99	
Office Expense	778.62	
Consultants' Fees	2,850.00	
Consultants' Travel	1,690.84	
Printing and Distribution	2,303.28	
Total Expenses		$13,678.37
Balance, May 31, 1961		$17,688.18

July 6, 1961

Mr. Timothy Jenkins
National Affairs Vice President
United States National Student Association
3457 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia 4, Pa.

Dear Tim:

Mr. Hayes Mizell, the student at the University of South Carolina, reports that he really needs $1,500, or the present amount of his assistantship. He points out that this is his only source of income. He states, however, that he would be grateful for any assistance that might be available.

Should you want to correspond directly with Mr. Mizell, his address is: Box 2831, University of South Carolina, Columbia. He does not know as yet the source of his possible assistance.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR:mm

cc: Miss Connie Curry

July 6, 1961

Miss Bernice Bridges, Director
Education-Recreation Services
Young Adult Council of the
National Social Welfare Assembly
345 East 46th Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Miss Bridges:

Arrangements have been made for Mr. Noumoff and the two guests from Kenya to stay at Clark College while they are in Atlanta. The group will be met at the Atlanta airport.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/sm

July 6, 1961

Mr. James C. Paton
International Conferences and Seminars
American Friends Service Committee
160 North Fifteenth Street
Philadelphia 2, Pa.

Dear Mr. Paton:

Mr. Dunbar asked me to reply to your letter of June 29. We will be pleased to send you, without charge, the 12 to 15 copies of our materials which you think may be useful in the seminar this summer. As you suggested, I have selected some materials and am mailing you one copy of each; when you have looked over the materials, you can let me know which ones you would like to have in quantity.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
- The Negro and the Ballot in the South
- The Church in Areas of Racial Tension
- Religion's Role in Desegregation (in New South, Jan. 1960)
- News release on"The Federal Executive and Civil Rights"
  (which summarizes the points made by the Council)
- "Civil Disobedience" by Leslie W. Dunbar
- "A Solid South...or Else" (in New South, April 1960)
- "Civil Rights Commission Report (in February 1961 New South)
- RacialViolence and Law Enforcement
- School Desegregation: the first six years
- L-Reports 6, 15, 16, 17
- L-20, Problem Solving Through Race Relations Committees
- L-22, and New South, June 1961
- L-10, Education and Income; L-19, Integration and Industry; L-24 Migration and Desegregation (New South, Nov. 1959); L-25
- Sit-in reports (3)
- Freedom Ride

July 6, 1961

Dr. S. Walter Martin
President
Emory University
Atlanta 22, Georgia

Dear Dr. Martin:

Thank you for your gracious invitation to the resident foreign correspondents for dinner on the evening of July 13. Enclosed is the final list of participants in this program. I will call Miss Spencer next week to confirm the number of persons attending.

We are most grateful to you and to Emory University for your substantial help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/sm
Enclosure

July 6, 1961

Mr. Dave Freeman
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York

Dear Dave:

I greatly enjoyed my visit with you last month. I may have something to tell you about soon, regarding a field consultant on employment discrimination.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

July 6, 1961

Mr. James K. Cooper
Continental Can Company
1371 Peachtree, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Cooper:

Enclosed are a few pieces about the Southern Regional Council which I think will give you an accurate understanding of our activities. Also enclosed is a copy of our recent letter to General Clay and the enclosures which went with it.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm
Enclosures

July 6, 1961

Mr. C. K. Saunders
Assistant Superintendent
Public Schools of Lynchburg
11th and Court
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Saunders:

We are pleased to mail you today the requested copy of School Desegregation: the first six years. Since your committee is studying desegregation plans, I am also including two other items which may be helpful to you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
School Desegregation: the first six years
Action Patterns in School Desegregation
L-17

July 6, 1961

Mr. Frank Streeter, Treasurer
John Hay Whitney Foundation
111 West 50th Street
New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. Streeter:

Enclosed is our receipt for the John Hay Whitney Foundation's grant of $1,000 to the work of the Fellowship of the Concerned during 1961.

We are, of course, unhappy to learn of the Trustees decision to discontinue assistance to this program. We do understand, however, the problems involved and the thinking of the Trustees on this matter. In fact, we have long been aware that this particular area of giving was somewhat beyond the normal policies of the Foundation.

On behalf of Mrs. Tilly and the Southern Regional Council, please convey to the Trustees our deep gratitude for the long and generous assistance which has been provided to the Fellowship of the Concerned. This has been of substantial help to the church women of the South during the difficult period since 1953.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm
Enclosure - official receipt

July 6, 1961

Miss Patricia Herron
461 Park Avenue
Meadville, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Herron:

I am answering your interesting letter to John Constable, as he has left the Council and I am taking his place. We are, of course, gratified at your plans for a Southern teaching career. I am sure Lillian Smith will be, too. You can write her at Old Screamer Mountain, Clayton, Georgia.

The list of Negro college and university presidents who are on our board of directors should give you a good start on job-hunting in the South. These men are distinguished in education and in race relations, and most of their institutions should offer the sort of environment and interests you are after.

Pay is certainly not munificent at the best of Negro schools, but since your aim seems to be more at satisfactory work than money, it seems likely you can find a happy place at one of these institutions. Your chances for a good spot are also good, because these colleges want, and benefit from, integrated faculties.

In answer to your other questions, some Atlanta churches are assembling groups of Negro and white children for discussion of the coming de-segregation here in the fall, and an organization of several groups, OASIS, is also preparing the way with students, parents and others in the community.

I don't know if anyone is doing anything especially cultural for Negroes here, or elsewhere in Georgia. Atlanta University, with its five colleges for Negroes is a formidable center of culture itself, and attracts many white Atlantans to its musical, theater and other programs.

Good luck in your quest for a Southern teaching position.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Margaret Long
Director of Information

ML:lec

July 6, 1961

Mr. Harry Ernst
The Charleston Gazette
Charleston West Virginia

Dear Mr. Ernst:

Thanks so much for the clippings from the Gazette. We all enjoyed your heartening versions of progress. I, for one, especially liked the story about your interesting Judge. I didn't realize his fine hand had such a big share in the Court thinking and decisions.

It is always good to hear from you, they tell me. I've just come to take John Constable's place, as he is leaving here for USIA, I think.

Thanks again for your stories, which we've put up in the files with our valuables.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Margaret Long
Director of Information

ML:lec

July 7, 1961

Mrs. Ethel C. Dumbauld
Executive Secretary
Houston Council on Human Relations
3605 Fannin Street
Houston 4, Texas

Dear Mrs. Dumbauld:

In answer to your request for suggestions for leadership in connection with your fall conferences, let me throw in the following ideas:

(1) In the area of employment, I think it would be worthwhile contacting Mr. John Feild, who is the new director of the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity. John is a very able and dynamic personality, with considerable experience in this field. Another possibility would be John Hope II, who you will remember from our workshop last year. John has just been appointed to work with John Feild, with responsibility for federal employment. I believe it is useful to involve the staff of this committee because of its great potential usefulness. Other possibilities would be John Wheeler, Chairman of the Durham, N.C., Committee on Negro Affairs and a prominent bank executive. Mr. Wheeler is also a member of the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity (the policy board of the PCEEO). Philip Hammer, President of Hammer Associates, a nationally known firm in the field of economic planning, would be competent here. Mr. Vivian Henderson of the Department of Economics of Fisk University is winning increasing recognition for his research in the field of merit employment. Feild and Hammer are white, the others noted are Negroes.

(2) In the field of education, I would suggest Reed Sarratt, Executive Director of the Southern Education Reporting Service (Southern School News). Other possibilities might be Herbert Wey, professor of education at the University of Miami and co-author of the definitive work "Action Patterns in School Desegregation," or J. J. Brewbaker, former superintendent of

the Norfolk city schools and presently a part-time consultant on education for the Southern Regional Council. Thomas F. Pettigrew, Assistant Professor of Social Psychology at Harvard and author, is a third possibility. (All three are white.)

(3) Housing: Dr. Robert C. Weaver, Administrator of the Housing and Home Finance Agency, or Whitney Young, National Director of the Urban League. (Both are Negroes.)

(4) Cultural Life: Mrs. Margaret Just Butcher, lecturer-writer-teacher, author of "The Negro in American Culture," or E. Franklin Frazier, nationally known sociologist and author of "Black Bourgeoisie." (Both are Negroes.)

(5) In the area of religion, I would suggest: Will Campbell of the Race Relations Division of the National Council of Churches; Cornelius C. Tarplee, Assistant Secretary for Intergroup Relations, National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church; Father Louis J. Twomey of Loyola University, New Orleans; The Rev. Colbert Cartwright, prominent Little Rock clergyman; or the Rt. Rev. William H. Marmion, Bishop of the Southwestern Diocese, Episcopal Church, Roanoke, Virginia.

Sorry that I missed you during your Atlanta visit.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR:gm

cc: The Rev. James Noland

July 7, 1961

Father Albert Foley
Fordham University
Bronx 58, New York

Dear Father Foley:

Your current quarterly check will be mailed here as of August 1st, for the full amount. Concerning the matter of pledges: let us say that the Alabama Council can use as matching funds two-thirds of all monies pledged and not yet paid but payable on or before December 31st of this year. Let us not advertise this arrangement. I am not sure we would want to establish this as a permanent policy for all state groups in the future.

If you think it a useful idea, we would be willing to pay Bob Hughes' round trip expenses to Alabama so that he could spend approximately one week taking Jimerson around the state in early August. We would expect the Alabama Council to take care of his travel and maintenance while in Alabama. Let me know your reaction as soon as possible so that I can raise the matter with Bob if advisable.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

July 7, 1961

Rev. W. Carroll Brooke
P.O. Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brooke:

Your letter of July 5, to John Constable has been referred to me, since Mr. Constable is no longer with the Council and I am taking his place.

We are mailing you, under separate cover, fifty copies of "This I Believe" which you requested. There is no charge.

If we can be of any additional aid, please let us know.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Margaret Long
Director of Information

ML:lec

July 7, 1961

Mr. William C. Gausmann
Advisor on Labor and Minorities Affairs
IOP/LM
United States Information Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Gausmann:

I am answering your letter to John Constable as he has left the Council and I am replacing him.

We passed on to John your compliment concerning his articles. He was glad to hear from you.

The Atlanta schools open August 30. We will be watching the situation closely and make any suggestions which occur to us which might help you.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Margaret Long
Director of Information

ML:lec

July 7, 1961

Professor Ronald H. Denison
Department of Speech
Purdue University
Lafayette, Indiana

Dear Professor Denison:

I think I'm enclosing the most of the materials you need: we do not have, and I have not yet been able to obtain, complete speeches by Griffin and Vandiver. However, I have copies excerpts of speeches (one by Griffin, several by Vandiver when he was running for Governor) for you and perhaps this will give you the insights and quotes you need. If I am able to find complete texts of speeches next week, I'll send them along.

The missing page of Cook's address is enclosed.

The text with the drawing of THE NEGRO is incomplete; I have sent what we have. I hope this is the right one, but saw nothing about "stench glands". If this is wrong, please send the part you have and I'll try to match it up.

The copy of the Negro boys and white girls is enclosed; I sent along another good one for you also.

Needless to say, the Council is always honored and pleased to be mentioned in dissertations as a source of material and research. We shall certainly be looking forward to receiving a copy of your paper.

I assume you have already received the pamphlets from Mississippi; I forwarded them several days ago. I am enclosing another extra one we have that I noted today: "Mixed Schools and Mixed Blood" and also an extra copy of the Augusta Courier. Your unbelieving friends should get a charge out of looking over our friend, Roy Harris's journalism.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright

July 7, 1961

Mr. John M. Brooks
Director Voter Registration
Virginia State Conference
404½ North 2nd Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brooks:

We lost your address and have consequently been late in sending this off. I have added some explanatory notes to the figures. Please notice the Alabama corrections, as corrected in our telegram this morning.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:A
Enclosure: voting registration,
11 southern states

July 7, 1961

Mr. James H. Barton
259 Bennett Avenue, Apt. 3F
New York 40, New York

Dear Mr. Barton:

Enclosed are some materials which may be of usefulness to you as you write about the South's economics and its racial practices.

I have not included L-18 which you specifically request. The reason is, very frankly, that this is the one thing we have put out which I regret. We try very hard to be accurate in everything we do and there are one or two spots in it which I am not sure can be documented satisfactorily. I would refer you instead to a good round-up piece in the Wall Street Journal, June 30, 1961.

I think a good description of the South's economic position today can be found in a book published last year by William Nicholls, Southern Tradition and Regional Progress. Nicholls, incidentally, advances the theme that further industrial growth in the South is dependent on alteration of the South's social practices.

Regarding a statement by the retail merchants, I think what you have in mind are some expressions made by business men in Birmingham. Enclosed also is a New York Times clipping which seems to be the best we can put our hands on at the moment, though I think we must have something more full around here. If we can find it we will send it on to you later.

There are abundant signs that Southern business men are beginning to consider the costs of segregation. Of course, for the last couple of years they have been realizing that riots and disorder are economically costly. It is only because, I suppose, business men are generally the last persons to see their own self interest, that they have been able to avoid this long facing up to the broader question. Lucius Clay of the Continental Can Company made quite a speech here in Atlanta a month or so ago which we have asked permission to reprint; a vice president of Burlington Mills said within the last month in a public speech in South Carolina that Southern industry would have to learn to utilize Negro manpower; Mr. Charles Daniels, probably the most influential business figure in that same state,said something to like effect about a week ago. Coming from such a source, this was News, so I think there is movement.

Sincerely Yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

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July 8, 1961

Mr. Harry Rohrer
1927 North Decatur Road, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rohrer:

Enclosed are ten copies of a bibliography of all materials forwarded to members of the layman's drafting committee; ten copies of each of the items forwarded to committee members and not previously sent to you; and copies of all letters mailed in your name today, July 8. Mr. Belcher, Mr. Patterson, and Dr. Crawford were forwarded in today's mailing all items listed on the bibliography and a copy of the bibliography itself, together with the enclosed letter; Mr. DeGive, Dr. Goldstein, Mr. Horton, and Mr. Osborn were today mailed a copy of the bibliography, the enclosed letter, and each of the following items (additional materials listed on the bibliography were forwarded to them in an earlier mailing): Peachtree Road Methodist Church statement as printed in the Atlanta Constitution, Excerpts From Fulton County Grand Jury Presentments, and Recommendations from Commission on Christian Social Concerns of Park Street Methodist Church.

New South articles mailed today were removed from the magazine, as you requested. I took the liberty of signing your name to the originals of the letters.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Services

MM:s
Enclosures

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
5 FORSYTH STREET, N. W., ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

July 10, 1961

MEMO TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

FROM: PAUL ANTHONY PA

Because of several pressing matters it has been necessary to arrange an early meeting of the Executive Committee. The date selected is Thursday, July 27.

Of major importance will be consideration of the Knoxville-TVA foreign visitor center. It is likely that several other major projects which have been proposed to SRC will also come before the Committee at this meeting. And, we hope to have tentative plans for the annual meeting for the Committee's consideration.

The meeting will be held at the SRC conference room, beginning at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m.

We sincerely regret that the meeting has to be called on such short notice. However, this will be an extremely important meeting and we urge you to make every effort to attend.

A card is enclosed for your convenience to indicate whether or not you can be present.

July 10, 1961

Mr. Timothy Jenkins
National Affairs Vice President
United States National Student Association
3457 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia 4, Pa.

Dear Tim;

Thank you for the outline of the program for the coming Student Leadership Seminar. I regret that the time factor did not make it possible for me to be more involved in the preparation of the program, not because I wish to further add to my own duties, but because of the somewhat awkward role that I have been assigned by Vernon Eagle.

I do feel that the program is a sound one which provides the sort of broad exposure to the processes of social change which would be most helpful to student leaders. I have the following general comments on the program itself;

(1) It seems to me that the program is somewhat over-structured and too tight and rather too academic. I would question the value of the standardized tests in leadership and human relations unless they have a particular program purpose during the Seminar. I would see little purpose in giving the participants final examinations on subject matter. I think these more formal devices are not too useful in an informal small group seminar operation.

(2) I think there is some danger that some of the topics and presentations will be somewhat over-technical for some of those participating. Some of the most effective student leaders have been rather unsophisticated about this total process. This is simply to urge caution so that the more technical speakers may be warned of the need to move in a fairly basic way.

(3) I hope that there will be some sessions where discussion will be specifically focused on the student demonstration as a tool for social change with attention given to the varying points of view concerning the tactics involved, timing, et cetera. I realize that this will be implicit throughout the Seminar and that we do not want primarily a training seminar for sit-in leaders. Somewhere near the end of the Seminar, however, several sessions of this sort would seem to me to be most useful.

(4) You have approximately twenty-one resource persons scheduled. I would emphasize here the experience of the annual Southern Students Seminar and of similar efforts pointing toward the advisability of using a smaller number of persons and involving each person more deeply. A large number of resource persons both adds to the cost and to the danger of overlap and repetition by speakers who have not heard each other,without improving the leadership of the seminar. I would urge that you consider having only about two resource persons in each of your major "A" or "B" categories, and that an effort be made to provide some divergence of approach or viewpoint between these two persons.

(5) I would tend to question the value of spending five days on follow-up research and the preparation of chapters for final report. There would, of course, be some educational value in this kind of activity, but I think the major value of the Seminar will be in contributing to the viewpoints of the students involved and that preparation of an exhaustive final report would be of minimal value and that the report itself would be unlikely to serve a long-range purpose. At least, such reports rarely do.

Concerning the suggested resource persons: I am assuming that these will function primarily in a seminar fashion. Let me list persons who seem to me to be of particular value in this kind of seminar. Where my list omits some names contained in yours this indicates that I am either unfamiliar with the persons or that I do not consider them as capable as others named.

For number I-A, Individual Behavior--Values - Herman Long, Arthur Levin, Marion Wright, Ruby Hurley, Will Campbell

I-B, Social-Psychological Factors - Kenneth Clark, Gordon Allport, Franklin Frazier, David Riesman, Whitney Young

II-A, Group Behavior, Community - Hans Speigel, James Silver, Thomas Pettigrew, Will Campbell, Martin King, Vivian Henderson, Ben Segal, Alex Miller, Eric Lincoln, Art Levin

II-B, Government - Henry Moon, Robert Harris, John Doar, Avon Williams, George Barrett, Reed Sarratt, James Woods, Donald Strong (University of Alabama), Ben Muse

III, Communications - As is.

The conference plans look fine. Best wishes for a successful and exciting seminar.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

Dictated but not read by Mr. Rilling

July 10, 1961

Dr. Daniel C. Thompson
Chairman, Division of the Social Sciences
Dillard University
New Orleans 22, Louisiana

Dear Dan:

It is good and we would like to use it in the form of a "notable address" (see enclosed). If this is agreeable with you, we shall work over your manuscript, send some editorial suggestions to you for approval, and get into print immediately.

Many thanks for sending me the manuscript.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

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Enclosures

July 10, 1961

Mr. John Wheeler, President
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear John:

Enclosed is the memo sent yesterday to the members of the Executive Committee.

It will take some doing, but we are hopeful of having matters arranged for you and Christopher and Dabbs to be in Knoxville on the 26th. Will keep you informed.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/sm

July 10, 1961

Mr. Timothy Jenkins
U. S. National Student Association
3457 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

I have picked out a selection of Southern Regional Council's literature which should interest your seminar, and which we are mailing under separate cover. There is no charge for any of this which we hope will be of interest to your group study.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Margaret Long
Director of Information

ML:lec

July 10, 1961

The Rev. Ewell J. Reagin
Cornell United Religious Work
Anabel Taylor Hall
Cornell University
Ithaca, New York

Dear Mr. Reagin:

We are sending you the Student Protest Movement and postscript events. We are also enclosing our report on the freedom ride which we think might interest you, plus a listing of other publications which we will be glad to send you if they offer you anything.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Margaret Long
Director of Information

ML:lec

July 10, 1961

Miss Elsie Hernandez
497 W. Washington
Sunnyvale, California

Dear Miss Hernandez:

We are sending you, under separate cover, several of our publications and pamphlets which I hope will help you and your friends in your studies and themes.

Good luck in your research and conclusions.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Margaret Long
Director of Information

ML:lec

July 10, 1961

Miss Marjorie Cronin
22 South 13th Avenue
Mount Vernon, New York

Dear Miss Cronin:

We are sending you, under separate cover, a copy of the freedom ride report for which there is no charge.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Margaret Long
Director of Information

ML:lec

July 10, 1961

Mf. John R. Bodo, Chairman
Department of Practical Theology
San Francisco Theological Seminary
San Anselmo, California

Dear Mr. Bodo:

I selected several of our publications and studies, including our monthly magazine NEW SOUTH, to send you, for which there is no charge. I am also enclosing a listing of our publications. In case there are other publications which you might like we will be glad to send them without charge.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Margaret Long
Director of Information

ML:lec

July 10, 1961

Mr. Fred Faia
3214 West 66th Place
Chicago 29, Illinois

Dear Mr. Faia:

We are mailing you our monthly publication NEW SOUTH plus other literature which might be of interest. Also enclosed is a publications listing. If you find that you can use any of these publications, please let us know and we will be glad to mail them free of charge.

We are placing your name on our mailing list to receive future reports of the Council.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Margaret Long
Director of Information

ML:lec

mailed separately:

I. Education--Background Report
School Desegregation: the first six years
L Reports 16, 17, 23, 21, 24
New South, February 1961, "Higher Education"
"Civil Rights Commission Report"

Population Shifts--L-25
New South, November 1959, "Migration & Desegregation"

Housing--Housing For Negroes in Atlanta, Ga.

Purchasing Power--L-10

Future of Negro in South--New South, June 1960, "Potential and Responsibility"

Religion--The Church in ARéas of Racial Tension
New South, January 1960, "Religion's Role in Desegregation"
This I Believe
Are Southern Ministers Failing the South?

Also: Student Protest; Freedom Ride, L-20

July 10, 1961

July 10

Mr. John V. Steed
Box 202
Brundidge, Alabama

Dear Mr. Steed:

We are mailing you today some selected materials which will answer some of your questions and provide material for the topics for your research paper on "The New Negro." There is not now much available in the form of statistics and facts on job opportunities for Negroes. The Southern Regional Council is beginning a survey in four cities: Atlanta, Chattanooga, Houston, and Miami. So, by this fall we hope to know just what the situation is so far as job opportunities for Negroes in the South is concerned.

The 1959 Report of the Commission on Civil Rights has good information on housing; the 1960 report was concerned with higher education.

The President's executive order (announced March 1, 1961) strengthening equal employment opportunities within and without the government. The President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunities is concerned with government jobs and employment in firms that have government contracts and has been doing a fine job recently. The Labor Department is now concerned about state-operated, federally supported state employment offices and their policies of job referrals. The NAACP has asked for an end of federal support to any employment office that practices segregation in any form. The association is preparing a study on discrimination at offices in nine Southern states which it plans to present to Secretary of Labor Arthur J. Goldberg by the end of July.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

July 10, 1961

Miss Anne O'H. Williamson
Editor
The Journal of Human Relations
Central State College
Box 25
Wilberforce, Ohio

Dear Miss Williamson:

I am sorry to have delayed answering your letter of April 25, but I have been involved in winding up two research projects and I have had to push aside all other matters until they were completed.

I am not quite sure what you would like from me in the form of an article based on the Salzburg Seminars. I wish you could be more specific. For example; would you want a summary of my contributions to the seminar? would you like for me to select a particular aspect of American Negro life with which I will deal in a lecture as a basis for an article? or, would you desire some impressions as to the impact that these lectures might have on the European students involved?

I notice that the deadline date is November, 1961, so I would therefore appreciate receiving word from you as to the nature of the article desired before I leave the country on August 3rd. This will give me the basis to draft or prepare the article upon my return the latter part of September.

Very truly yours,

James A. Moss
Director of Research

JAM:A

July 10, 1961

Mrs. Augustine M. St. Cyr
3217 Lowerline Street
New Orleans 25, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. St. Cyr:

We are somewhat confused by your letter of July 3. Your letter referred to a meeting which you have to attend on July 6. You explained that, consequently, you would not be able to come to our Workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned. The date of the Workshop is November 6 and 7. Did you mean you would be attending a meeting on November 6 instead of July 6?

Please let us know, so that we may plan accordingly.

Yours very truly,

Janet Feagans
Secretary to Mrs. M. E. Tilly

July 10, 1961

Mr. Marshall Bragdon
Mayor's Friendly Relations Committee
105 City Hall
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Marshall:

Many thanks for the clipping from the Cincinnati Enquirer. It is an interesting editorial, in fact rather touching. I didn't know that we had achieved "tragic sadness," but I will accept the verdict.

Best wishes, and the hope that our paths may cross again.

Sincerely,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

July 10, 1961

Mrs. Helen Hill Miller
Executive Secretary
The Edgar Stern Family Fund
1299 National Press Building
Washington 4, D. C.

Dear Helen:

I thought there would be value in getting in writing an analysis of what can be done in New Orleans. Paul Rilling has, accordingly, done the enclosed memorandum, with which I fully concur.

SRC wants to do whatever we can to improve the chances for orderly schools in New Orleans. As the Atlanta opening has neared, Rilling has cut down the very large proportion of his time and effort which, since July 1960, has been devoted to New Orleans. Whether at this late date there are practical actions that should and could be taken, in addition to the ongoing programs of SOS and CPE, is what we need to discuss when we meet in New Orleans.

Received your letter this morning. Paul and I shall try to mesh our travel plans with yours.

Your memo to TVA was a honey.

Best wishes

Sincerely,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm
Enclosure
cc: Harold Fleming

July 10, 1961

Dr. Lucius Pitts
President
Miles College
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Lucius:

Probably by now your planning for your conference on human relations is well along. I am sorry that we have been dilatory in replying to your letter of June 21. I think the idea is good in the Birmingham context, and the general scheme which you have in mind for the program seems to me sound. I think about all I can do is suggest a few names of people who might help with your session on current problems:

1. Will Campbell, Department of Racial and Cultural Relations, National Council of Churches, P. O. Box 1083, Nashville, Tennessee.
2. Herman Long, Chairman, Department of Race Relations, Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee.
3. Dr. Eric Lincoln, (author of The Black Muslims in America) Sociology Department, Clark College, Atlanta.
4. Margaret Long, Director of Information, SRC, formerly columnist for the Atlanta Journal.
5. Dr. Kenneth Morland, Chairman, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Randolph-Macon Woman's College. Dr. Morland is also vice president of the Virginia Council on Human Relations and a consultant for SRC.

Liston Pope would be excellent. Another possibility might be Vann Woodward of Johns Hopkins.

Let me or Paul Rilling know if there are any ways we can be of help.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

July 11, 1961

Miss Katherine Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

We will, by all means, want to help the new Jackson Human Relations Council. I would assume from your letter that the emphasis of the workshop would be on program possibilities for such a local group. If so, I would plan to take general charge of the workshop myself, bringing along with me one or two consultants to assist the group. August 4 and 5 would be the most convenient dates from this end.

I think the size of the group depends primarily on local needs. Normally, this is aimed at those who will be expected to take a leadership role in the effort, but if they see it as particularly valuable in involving and motivating a large number of people, so be it. I too would prefer a group of around 25 to 50. I would have to do a bit more thinking on who we would bring along and what materials would be needed. It may well be that I or you and I should run over to see Mr. Fergy and some of his co-workers some time soon if this is possible. I am out of town this week, but will be back the week of July 17. I will write you further about additional ideas at that time.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR:mm

July 11, 1961

Mrs. Frances Pauley
Georgia Council on Human Relations
41 Exchange Place, S.E., Room 309
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Frances:

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Reed has now suggested that he would appreciate it if other state councils would be willing to undertake a similar project. He is tentatively overprinting his July issue 1,000, with the thought that two or three of our state councils in July could cooperate with this promotional effort. We have had a good cooperative relationship with SERS, and the Southern School News has been an invaluable source of facts on the school matter. I think they deserve our help in their efforts to expand circulation, and that our members would benefit from receiving the paper.

I am suggesting that the Georgia Council be one of the groups to mail out sample copies in July. If you agree, tell Marge Manderson this week, so that we can make the necessary arrangements. I will be out of town until July 17, but we need to move as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

July 11, 1961
VIA AIR MAIL

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

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Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

July 11, 1961

Mrs. Liza Paschall
Greater Atlanta Council on Human Relations
41 Exchange Place, Room 309
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Liza:

You have probably noticed the organizational activity concerning the Atlanta Times. I am enclosing a copy of their prospectus. It might be a good idea for several members of the Council to buy a share of stock or so, so that as much information concerning the nature of the operation can be obtained as possible. Just a thought.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR:mm
cc: Mrs. Frances Pauley

Enclosure

July 11, 1961
VIA AIR MAIL

Miss Katherine Jones
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

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I am suggesting that the Tennessee Council be one of the groups to mail out sample copies in July. If you agree, write Marge Manderson this week, so that we can make the necessary arrangements. I will be out of town until July 17, but we need to move as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

July 11, 1961

Dr. John J. O'Connor
Chairman
National Catholic Conference for Interracial
Justice
21 West Superior Street
Chicago 10, Illinois

Dear Dr. O'Connor:

Thank you for your letter of June 27 and its invitation to attend the national convention of the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice. It is a little hard for me to say definitely that I can come, but I have put it on my calendar and shall make an effort to be there, at least for the special session on August 26.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

July 11, 1961

Mr. Paul Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

Enclosed is the memo sent yesterday to the members of the Executive Committee.

It will take some doing, but we are hopeful of having matters arranged for you and Wheeler and Dabbs to be in Knoxville on the 26th. Will keep you informed.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/sm

July 11, 1961

Mr. Ralph McGill, Publisher
Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. McGill:

We hope Monday, November 6th is an open date on your calendar.

"The Fellowship of the Concerned," the women's work of the Southern Regional Council, will have its yearly two day workshop, November 6 and 7 at Kresge Hall, Clark College.

At eleven o'clock until 12:30 on November 6th, we will have "A Facade of Brotherhood" and we very much need you to be the Interrogator of Rabbi Rothschild, Father Mulroy, Dr. Harry Richardson, and Dr. Dow Kirkpatrick. The questions will be in three areas:

1. Religious Tolerance
2. Open Schools and Open Churches
3. Honest Interpretation of Brotherhood to our Youth

We are more than hoping you will find it convenient to do this.

There will be about 150 women, state leaders in the field of social action. They will be from our southeastern states and Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas, representatives of the Protestant and Catholic Churches and of the various Jewish groups.

You may recall being with us in one of these workshops when Mrs. Roosevelt was with us.

Please know the women would be most grateful to you if you find it possible to serve us.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/sm

July 11, 1961

Mr. Joe Earl Elmore
Texas Council of Churches
504 West Twenty-Fourth Street
Austin 5, Texas

Dear Joe:

February is such a long time off that I will agree to anything.

I would suggest that you simply write to McGill. I think you will have to offer him travel expenses plus an modest honorarium. Let me know a few days ahead of time when you plan to write and I will drop him a note telling him that your invitation is coming. McGill gets an enormous number of invitations these days and he has a hard time accepting as many, even, as he would like.

I think we can let the question about the use of your employment study drop. We have gone ahead with plans for a four city report on employment opportunities and limitations. The four cities will be Atlanta, Chattanooga, Miami, and Houston. The Houston study will be co-sponsored by the Houston Councillon Human Relations. Jim Noland is the man we are presently working with. Bob Breihan may want to know about this and to keep in touch with Noland.

Best wishes, and I am glad you are on the job.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

July 11, 1961

Mr. Milton N. Mound
Mound & Isaacs
Lincoln Building
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Mound:

Thank you for your letter of June 7. You made a very interesting suggestion and one which we want to consider seriously. I was especially interested in getting the reaction to it from Mr. Benjamin Muse, who is a member of our staff, although working out of his home in Manassas, Virginia. Mr. Muse's comments encouraged me to go on with further consideration and I will be writing to you about it again soon.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

July 11, 1961

Mr. Burke Marshall
Assistant Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Burke:

It occurred to me that you and Harris Wofford might find interesting the enclosed report by Ben Muse covering his recent visit to Alabama; I am,therefore, sending a copy to each of you. You may find in it some new insights and perhaps some added information regarding that unfortunate state.

I suppose I shall see you tomorrow before you get this letter.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm
Enclosure

July 11, 1961

Mr. David Freeman
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York

Dear Dave:

I sent copies of this particular report of Ben's to Harris Wofford and Burke Marshall. I think they should be interested in it.

Sincerely,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm
Enclosure

July 11, 1961

Mr. Harris Wofford
Assistant to the President
Executive Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Harris:

It occurred to me that you and Burke Marshall might find interesting the enclosed report by Ben Muse covering his recent visit to Alabama. I am, therefore, sending a copy to each of you. I think it may give you some added insights and maybe some added information about that unfortunate state. I venture also to call your attention especially to pages 11-12 and the suggestion made there for activity by you helpful people in Washington.

When are you coming down to inspect this frontier again?

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm
Enclosure

July 11, 1961

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Via
5710 Anchorage Avenue
Madison 5, Wisconsin

Dear Margaret and Emory:

I don't *know* whether to thank you or reprimand you, but I *feel* like doing the former. You are very wonderful people to want to make a gift to the Council. Thank you and thank you.

We are slowly settling down so far as staff is concerned, and rapidly unsettling so far as program is concerned. It begins to seem that each week brings new propositions for a new sort of project that somebody wants us to do. I have thought more than once of writing to you, as a matter of fact, regarding one of them on the slight chance that it might interest you personally. To keep a long story very brief, we are being propositioned to set up and operate a center for foreign visitors to TVA in Knoxville: close collaboration with TVA, subsidy by the Stern Family Fund. If we do this, we have to have a program director. Would this titillate any unstilled yearnings to return to Dixie?

Jim Moss, our new research director, checked in yesterday; Margaret Boozer, our new research assistant, arrived last week. We shall have two junior research assistants handling materials and various research assignments: one of them, Dottie Miller, is already here and the other, Jane Bond (daughter of Horace Mann Bond) will report in August. These people plus Montez Albright ought to give us a crack research staff. Marge Manderson has moved up to work with Paul Rilling. John Constable has departed and been replaced, as of last week, by Margaret Long, whom I am sure you will remember. We are adding another part-time field consultant to Ben Muse's team, this one to reach industrialists on questions of employment discrimination. His name is Julian Longley, now in semi-retirement but formerly a manager of textile plants in West Point, Dalton, and Bristol, and for a while an owner of one, and by golly! a Believer.

Paul Christopher keeps urging that we re-establish the old labor program and iterates that AFL-CIO will support it. There is, however, no one on the horizon to do it.

When are you coming home for a visit?

Best wishes, and good luck,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm
Enclosure - official receipt

July 11, 1961

Dr. Donald Dewey
Department of Economics
Columbia University
New York, New York

Dear Professor Dewey:

We have read your revised manuscript with much appreciation. Enclosed is your honorarium.

At this moment, we are not decided as to how we shall use this, but we shall be letting you know something regarding this soon. One possibility is that we may use it as the introductory remarks to a report we now have underway regarding employment opportunities and limitations of Negroes in four Southern cities. Another possibility is that we may print it as an article in New South.

I want to thank you again for finding time to do this. It has been a pleasure for me also to have become acquainted with you, even if only too slightly. I still remember very pleasantly my visit to your home.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm
Enclosure

July 11, 1961

Mr. James L. Gohlston
400 - 21st Street, N. E.
Apt. 3
Washington 2, D. C.

Dear Mr. Gohlston:

I am answering your letter for ~~Dr.~~ Mr. Dunbar and am sending under separate cover what publications and information we have which you want for your thesis.

However, ~~Dr.~~ Mr. Dunbar wants me to tell you that we know of two others who have done theses on the Southern Regional Council. One University of North Carolina student wrote about the Council in 1950, and Will Affred at Emory did the same thing in 1960.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Margaret Long
Director of Information

ML:lec

July 11, 1961

Mr. J. W. Witcher
Grand Lodge Representative
Industrial District Lodge 33
International Association of Machinists
1100 Clay Street
Marietta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Witcher:

We are sending one copy of "The South and the Nation" for which there is no charge. Enclosed also is a listing of our publications , some of which might interest you. To your union we can send a single copy of any of our publications without charge and will be very glad to do so.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Margaret Long
Director of Information

ML:lec

July 12, 1961

Mr. Stetson Kennedy
Route 6,Box 386-A
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

We have entered a complimentary subscription to NEW SOUTH for you, beginning with the June Issue, a copy of which is enclosed. We have also placed you on our mailing list to receive future reports of the Council.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Margaret Long
Director of Information

ML:lec
Encl.

July 12, 1961

Mr. A. E. Cox
Executive Director
Delta Foundation, Inc.
933 Chambliss Road
Memphis 16, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Cox:

Mr. Rilling has asked me to reply to your letter of July 3. (I am sorry not to have done so earlier; however, vacations and staff changes have thrown us a little behind in some ways.)

I am happy to advise that we have sufficient copies of "The Negro and the Ballot in the South" to let you have 100 free copies for use in Mississippi. We will mail them after receiving a definite order from you.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Services

MM:s

July 12, 1961

Mr. Timothy L. Jenkins
National Affairs Vice President
United States National Student Association
3457 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia 4, Pa.

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

Paul Rilling has asked me to forward you material on Negro voter registration. Under separate cover we are sending SRC's most recently published study in this area, "The Negro and the Ballot in the South," 1959, together with an earlier SRC study, "The Negro Voter in the South." If significant studies in this area have been published more recently, I do not know of them. We are, however, enclosing a few tidbits of information from our research office files which might be useful to you - a copy of state by state registration figures (the latest we have) and several New York Times clips which might be of interest.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Services

MM:s
enclosures

"U.S. Wins Round on Negro Vote," Times, 4/2/61
"Negro Vote Surge Expected in South," Times, 6/26/61
File copy, Registered Negro Voters

July 12, 1961

Miss Elisabeth Zinck Rothenberger
447 Banks Street
San Francisco 10, California

Dear Miss Rothenberger:

We are sending you, under separate cover, our report on The Freedom Ride. As you know freedom riders are a new demonstration so we don't have any other literature at this moment. However, I think all of the available information and appraisals on freedom riders that you could want is in this report which we are sending you. There is no charge.

Good luck with your seminar presentation.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Margaret Long
Director of Information

ML:lec

July 12, 1961

Mr. C. Herbert Oliver
857 Hillman Drive
Bessemer, Alabama

Dear Mr. Oliver:

I am answering your letter to Mr. Dunbar, and sending you the copies of the current NEW SOUTH plus other materials which might help you in your seminar on Human relations.

Thanks so much for the compliments on the latest issue of NEW SOUTH.

We are passing on your P.S. to Paul Rilling with the good word about the Chamber of Commerce.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Margaret Long
Director of Information

ML:lec

July 13, 1961

Rev. Henry W. Heaps, Pastor
The First Presbyterian Church
218 Dunellen Avenue
Dunellen, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Heaps:

We will be glad to send you a good supply of our pamphlet "This I Believe." They are two cents a copy, which is cost to us, if you want them in quantity.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Margaret Long
Director of Information

ML:lec

INTEROFFICE MEMO July 14, 1961

Dear C.H.

Jim asked me to let you know his arrival time in Louisville on July 21th: it is EAL flight #122, arriving at 9:56 a. m.

He leaves on EAL flight 408 at 4:45 p. m.

Montez Albright

MEMORANDUM July 14, 1961

Re: Civil War Centennial Symposium

To: Hodding Carter, Sr.
Frank Graham
Paul Green
Benjamin E. Mays
James Stokely
Stephen Wright

Enclosed is Mr. Dabbs' "letter" for our symposium on the occasion of the Civil War Centennial. I believe you will find it as provocative and interesting as we have. Your contribution should be in the form of a reply and, as I mentioned in my original letter, could run anywhere from 200 to 2,000 words.

At Mr. Dabbs' suggestion I am enclosing, too, a copy of a letter from Benjamin Muse which makes some valuable suggestions about the approach you all might consider.

I look forward with great anticipation to reading your response to the question Mr. Dabbs proposes. I think you will find that he has made it possible for each of you to talk, not about the Civil War as an event of the past, but about the present situation of the South and its relationship to the war.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:A
Enclosure: MAW letter
JMD letter

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
5 FORSYTH STREET, N. W., ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

July 12, 1961

We are now observing the Centennial of the Civil War. We are not celebrating that war; we are commemorating it, bringing it soberly to memory. We do this to honor the men who suffered that experience; but we honor them not merely by recalling the bright image of their heroism but also by understanding them and, even more, by understanding what their fight means to us who are their descendants and who possess the land they loved.

I am therefore taking this occasion to write to you, my friends, to raise several questions about the meaning of the Civil War to the South today. I think the nation should raise parallel questions, for it was also the nation's war; but we of the South were the more deeply involved, and I as a southern American am raising these questions for the South. I hope they will stimulate your thinking and suggest a pattern for your responses.

Any past event has both recognized and possible meanings. Although the event itself cannot change, our understanding of it may; and as our understanding changes, the effect of the event upon us changes; its meaning changes for us. The meaning of the Civil War for its participants is now fixed, and we honor them partly by trying to understand what it was. It is clear, however, that any change in our understanding of its meaning for the participants of an event as close to us emotionally as the Civil War means some change in the meaning of that event for us.

Let me first comment upon the recognized and acclaimed meaning of the Civil War in the South.

To judge from the commemorative centennial events that have already occurred, it is apparent that the Civil War is remembered in the South primarily as an heroic or epic action. To suggest it by an image, it is horsemen charging across a sundown sky and vanishing in the darkness -- splendid horsemen, heroic and shining figures, but the light they reflect is an evening light, and they go down with the cause they defended. These figures are touched with Homeric splendor, but we are too close to them, still too involved with them, to observe them with Homeric detachment. The surging emotions of those days are not recollected in complete tranquillity, the men who suffered them not poetic personages but human actors in our own history.

Because we see them primarily in this simple, epic light, as heroic defenders of a noble cause and a sacred soil, because their fading bugles still echo in our hearts like Roland's horn at Roncevaux, we are likely to return to the present with a renewed determination to defend, even as they seem to have defended it, without question and without reserve, our way of life.

In brief, this highly emotional meaning says only, "Defend, defend!" But the question arises: Is simple defense always intelligent? Is this what it means to be a southerner in the modern world? Remembering that that earlier defense failed, we must question whether simple devotion is enough, whether the ardent memory of an heroic past is all that we need for a distinguished future.

I raise the question too as to what place this kind of meaning allows to the Negro southerner. I think it is fair to say it practically excludes him. I think it is fair to say also that a reading of our history--and the Civil War is the core of it--that cannot find a place for the Negro southerner sets before the South the impossible task of getting along with a people, by definition foreign, whom it cannot get rid of.

Is it possible for the Civil War to mean other, more positive things? Is it possible that it was not the simple epic struggle we have tended to remember, but more complex, more--let us say--tragic? Is it possible that such a meaning, apprehended by us, might fit us to play successfully our part in the world today? This would be defending the South by understanding it, a necessity for any sound defense.

But why do we seek a new meaning? Partly, because we are forced to. Why are we being forced to? Because increasingly the old meaning does not work. When a man finds that his interpretation of life --that is, of his experience, his past--does not work, he seeks a new interpretation, molding the theory to the facts. Our old theory of a static, caste society becomes increasingly ineffective in the dynamic, democratic West. It is this driving modern world, with its democratic-communistic struggle and its array of new nations, that forces us to search our past for the strength we need today.

Let us admit that the South may have begun the Civil War with an epic sense of splendor and innocence. It is almost certain that with the passage of the war years she became increasingly doubtful of her position in the world and before God, and increasingly aware, therefore, of the tragic fate that had befallen her: good men, caught in the trap of custom and interest and regional pride, not wise enough to find a peaceful way out, and therefore involved in a death struggle of brother against brother. This is the tragic, as distinguished from the epic view. It is possible that the post-war leaders of the South remembered for a little while this tragic view of their past life, with all its superficial unity cracking under the strain of war; if they did, they forgot it in the fires of Reconstruction, and came out of that experience with the Civil War remembered as a foreign doom thrust across the happy pathway of the South. This is the view we have tended to hold since; we have already noticed its growing ineffectiveness.

But suppose, as we have suggested, it was really a tragic struggle, raising, as tragic struggles always do, the question of justice? The tragic hero goes down in defeat. Why? Where was he in error? Simple epic splendor has no place here. Splendor remains; courage remains--perhaps, indeed, a more anguished courage, of men with divided hearts giving their lives in action, but not the simple courage of the hilltop horsemen at sundown.

If this is what the war was, then we, who would honor its participants, must first try to understand their destinies; and then, since out of these tragic destinies they bequeathed to us so many unsolved problems, we must try to recognize our own tragic uncertainty and involvement. The war seen as an epic struggle against un-southern forces touches us only with nostalgia for the lost cause; seen as a tragic struggle against both the world and ourselves, it involves us in that continuing struggle.

I suggest that we were struggling then both against the determination of the Western World to move toward democracy and industrialization and against our own unrecognized desire to go with it. We couldn't admit this desire because we didn't know what to do with the Negro in our midst.

This is still our problem. As I have suggested, the view of the Civil War as epic simply excludes the Negro. Oh,perhaps he has some place as a sort of retainer or liege man of those ancient heroes; but such an image only confuses us in the world into which we are now hurrying. But if the Civil War was a tragic event, expressing both man's nobility and his littleness, his great courage and his foolishness, then the Negro is involved as the central, though not always evident, object of Southern concern. Since this view of our past fits our present, it can be translated into a present meaning. Underlying everything else, it is the presence of the Negro that challenges us.

Challenges us all, whites and Negroes together. For we are together in the South. The tragic view of our history--and of its core, the Civil War--shows how close together. Each race has suffered because of the other's presence, but each has found some wisdom. The basic wisdom we have acquired is the wisdom of those whose lives have been entwined in suffering and defeat. I don't think it makes much difference what causes the suffering, who causes the defeat. We have been together in it; and we have learned, at our best, a certain tolerance, a certain gentleness, a certain understanding. Unhappily, we have emphasized so much our separateness that we are largely unaware of this; and our memory of the Civil War as just an epic struggle, excluding as it does the Negro from the picture, tends to keep us unaware. If, on the contrary, we could see it for the tragic event it was, with all of us, North and South, whites and Negroes, common builders of a nation we were blindly tearing apart, we should be better able to see ourselves today as basically one, engaged in the endless quarrels of kinsmen, who have to quarrel because at heart they are so close together.

The future we strive for is the future we glimpse by the light of the past. The flame of the Civil War still flickers along the horizon. What does it mean? What light does it cast upon our future? I invite your comments.

James McBride Dabbs

May 6, 1961

Dr. Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 201, 5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Les:

This is in response to your letter of April 28, requesting comment on Dr. Dabb's letter and our proposed symposium and statement on the Civil War Centennial.

I think in drafting this statement we should keep in mind constantly our audience, or the audience which we hope to reach, and the manner and extent to which our thoughts will be communicated to it.

The statement itself, if circulated as a Southern Regional Council release, will be read in full by only a small number. Among these, of course, will be editors and writers, generally sympathetic with our point of view, but who may receive from it some stimulus or new thought which will influence their own expressions to a wider audience.

More important, I submit, is the use which will be made of the statement by the news media. A few telling paragraphs or sentences, reproduced in the press, may be the burden of what strikes the attention of those same thoughtful publicists and it is all that the general public may get from us.

Recondite philosophical analyses would be admirable in a symposium of, and for, scholars. As a public statement by the Southern Regional Council, however, with the news media in mind, perhaps we should aim at some of the pragmatic ring and the popular appeal of a political statement. Sentences and paragraphs should be phrased in a manner to assure their validity and effectiveness if taken out of context. We should strive to produce a few passages which might be widely reproduced.

That the valor and sacrifice and devotion to duty displayed by our ancestors is a heritage of eternal glory has been said a thousand times and no one will challenge it. It should be said again by us with all the eloquence that our group can summon.

That this centennial should not be an occasion of carnival and frivolity, but one of mourning and reverence and proud recollection has also been said widely in the South as well as in the North. It has been said by Richmond, Columbia, S.C., and Jackson, Miss. newspapers. It should be an emphatic part of our message.

Demagogic attempts in some quarters to open old wounds, long since healed among men of good will, should be deplored. The centennial should signalize the extinction of the last vestiges of animosity in fraternal commemoration of common heroism and common tragedy for North and South.

Was the South wrong? Did our ancestors make a horrible mistake? I don't think we need answer these questions. Churchill, I believe, called it the most unavoidable of wars. The decisive mistake might have been in a concept of honor and chivalry which is now obsolete. It may suffice to say that in that blood and sacrifice a union was forged which henceforth is truly indissoluble.

As we look back upon that struggle now we hail a New South which will prove to the world that gallantry and grace are not incompatible with social change and material progress.

In mourning the heroic Confederate dead we honor no less the youth from the South who died on land and sea in two World Wars and in Korea in defense of our common country. Today we yield to none in our determination to work for the strength and security, the greatness and glory, of the United States of America.

This centennial comes in the shadow of a threat to our country and our civilization, to our very survival, more grave than any we have ever known before. In this time of peril, the memory of the intrepid men and women of our Civil War is a source of added inspiration and fortitude. It is assurance that Americans, -- now in invincible unity -- will defend their country again, if the need should come, with equal valor and devotion.

From the foregoing somewhat disconnected remarks it may be possible to cull some thought or phrase which will help in drafting our paper.

Sincerely yours,

Benjamin Muse

July 14, 1961

Miss Charlotte Kohler
Editor
The Virginia Quarterly Review
One West Range
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Miss Kohler:

I have made a few revisions in the manuscript and have had it retyped. The revisions consist of a few lines of added material, especially to take note of the Freedom Ride, and the removal of one or two words and phrases which were needed for a foreign audience but which should not be necessary now.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

July 17, 1961

The Rev. Robert Hughes
57 Sycamore Street
Roslindale 31, Massachusetts

Dear Bob;

Peripatetic Paul Rilling stopped by the office this morning, en route from New York to New Orleans, long enough to ask me to write you this; it would be a fine idea for you to come to Alabama for a few days either during the first or the second week of August to help orient Jimerson to his job, to introduce him around, etc.. We are willing to pay your round trip expenses to Birmingham; the Alabama Council has agreed to take care of your maintenance and your travel within the state. Let us know your reaction.

t - corrected on original -

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Services

MM:s

P.S. As you can see, the staff has been shuffled around a little. I don't know what the title means.

July 17, 1961

Mr. Reed Sarratt
Southern Education Reporting Service
P. O. Box 6156, Acklen Station
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Sarratt;

Paul Rilling's heavy July travel schedule is keeping him out of the office much more than in it; during the few minutes he was in town this morning, he asked me to write you to the effect that at least 500, or a maximum of 750 copies, of the July issue of Southern School News should be mailed to the South Carolina Council on Human Relations for distribution. (Current membership of SCCHR is some 500; delinquent members brings the total on mailing list to 750.) Paul suggests that you send along a copy of Harry Jones' covering letter, which went out with the mailing in North Carolina, in case SCCHR director Alice Spearman wishes to use it as a model. The address is;

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1530 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina.

We understand that Kay Jones of the Tennessee Council has talked with you directly and arranged for a mailing to members of that organization.

Sincerely,

Marge Henderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Services

MHs
cc: Mrs. Alice Spearman

BEST COPY AVAILABLE

July 17, 1961

Miss Sheila McCann
Staff Associate
United States National Student Association
3457 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss McCann:

Thank you so much for your invitation to exhibit at your 14th Congress. We would like very much to show our publications but we don't seem to have arrangements to pay for such display of our wares.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Margaret Long
Director of Information

ML:lec

July 17, 1961

Mr. Howard Dooley
5731 Howe Street
Pittsburgh 32, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Dooley:

We are delighted to send you these publications which may help you in your debate on Federal Aid to Education. As a strictly non-political, tax-exempt organization, however, we have no policy on Federal Aid or any other legislation. We do believe that equality of education and opportunity is practicable and important in the South. You will find these ideas further discussed in some of the reports and publications we are sending you.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Margaret Long
Director of Information

ML:lec

July 17, 1961

Mr. William C. Gausmann
Advisor on Labor and Minorities Affairs
United States Information Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Gausmann:

We are sending you two copies of "The Negro and the Ballot" by Margaret Price.

I don't know if we will reprint Mr. Dabbs' speech to the NAACP, if we do we will be glad to send you a copy.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Margaret Long
Director ofIInformation

ML:lec

July 17, 1961

Miss Genny Maier
397 [illegible] 3rd Avenue South
St. Cloud, Minnesota

Dear Miss Maier:

We are sending you our history of the Southern Regional Council and our listing of publications. If you see anything else you think you could use, please let us know and we will be delighted to send you copies.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Margaret Long
Director of Information

ML:lec

July 17, 1961

Mr. Jacque Stahlman
P. O. Box 1116
Natchez, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Stahlman:

We are sending you several of our publications which should help you in your work on "Progress in Christian Relationships."

Let us know if we can help you any further.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Margaret Long
Director of Information

ML:lec

July 17, 1961

Mr. Dick R. Kinser
1172 N. Leighton Drive
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Kinser:

We are sending you by special delivery mail some material that you may find useful for your workshop.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to Director of
Information

/lec

July 17, 1961

The Honorable William Hartsfield
Mayor
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Hartsfield:

Thanks again for giving our group of foreign correspondents such an entertaining and edifying hour with you.

We had a bad time there for a while when we thought you had passed us by. However, when we finally got hold of you, the usual lively and candid Hartsfield performance melted everybody's irritation. I think our visitors were tremendously charmed and fascinated by your brief and comprehensive history of Atlanta, and delighted with your ideas on race progress and southern prospects.

Gratefully,

(Miss) Margaret Long
Director of Information

ML:lec

July 17, 1961

Mr. Herbert Jenkins
Chief of Police
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Herbert:

Let me thank you and Mr. Cowan again for the awfully interesting hour you gave the thirteen foreign correspondents who visited Atlanta.

I'm sure you're accustomed to the delighted astonishment foreign visitors enjoy when they talk to our Chief of police. We were very proud to show you off, and I, for one, was happy to encounter the celebrated Jenkins' charm and know-how.

I hope you'll let us come again when we have distinguished guests who are curious about the ways of the South. You are good for all of us.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Margaret Long
Director of Information

ML:lec

July 17, 1961

The Honorable Eugene Cook
Attorney General
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Gene:

Let me thank you again for receiving our foreign correspondents on Friday. We were very anxious to show them every extreme of life and ideas in Atlanta on this race business, from Atlanta's Negro slums to plush west-side residential sections -- and distinguished Georgia viewpoints ranging from yours to Dr. Benjamin Mays.

I fancy it's not easy to face the incredulous wonder and firm differences of viewpoint which you encountered in our foreign visitors, so I compliment you on your interview. It is hard these days to find so gracious and literate a segregationist, and we hope you will do as much for us again.

It was really very good of you to give us an hour on such short notice. It would have been quite distressing for the Council and for the State, I think, if you had not helped us out since Mr. Geer and someone in your office had broken appointments with them.

My best to Julia.

Gratefully,

(Miss) Margaret Long
Director of Information

ML:lec

P.S. Did you ever get hold of a print from Jackson of a picture of my daughter? If not, I'll come over some morning to look at yours.

M.L.

July 17, 1961

Mr. John W. Letson
Superintendent
Atlanta School System
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Letson:

Let me thank you again for giving our foreign correspondents such an interesting hour last Friday. They were, as you could see, tremendously interested in your plans and your viewpoint.

We of the Southern Regional Council also were very proud for them to meet a superintendent who combines a Deep South accent with such enlightened ideas of education and race. Your views and attitudes are one of the very agreeable surprises which they encountered in Atlanta.

Thanks again for your help.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Margaret Long
Director of Information

ML:lec

July 17, 1961

Mr. John Wheeler
President
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear John:

The letter of the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs to Governor Sanford is superb.

Sincerely,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

July 17, 1961

Mr. Romney Wheeler
Director
Television Service
United States Information Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Thank you for your letter of July 11. We were very glad to meet and talk with Mr. Foster and Mr. Benson when they were recently in Atlanta. If we can be of any assistance to you as you work ahead on the Atlanta script and the filming, please let me know.

I am not well advised on how these things can work, but it occurs to me to tell you that Edwin Randall was in Atlanta last week doing interviews with local people for a radio program about this city, the theme of which will be "here is a city in the process of changing its mind about its social patterns." Possibly you know Ed Randall. He operates as Friendly World Broadcasting, and his address is 122 North Providence Road, Wallingford, Pennsylvania. He does, I think, an extremely skilled job of putting material such as this on tape for radio,and his tapes have been widely used the last year or so throughout the South. You will know better than I whether there will be any way in which you could make use of any of Ed's tape. I can tell you, however, that he interviewed a very good and numerous cross section of the interesting and important people in Atlanta and that Ed's past performance would make me believe the interviews were very well done.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

July 17, 1961

Professor Daniel Pollitt
School of Law
University of North Carolina

Dear Dan:

When I first got the reprint of your article, I flipped through the pages on the assumption that it would be merely a printing of your memorandum to us. I learned better quickly and have read the whole thing. It is a first rate job and ought to become a standard reference.

Can you tell me how to buy some reprints, or should I write to the Review for information? I think we would like to send a copy to each of the persons who commented on your memorandum last fall. This would take about 40 copies. In addition, I am sure we could use a few more for filling information requests. Altogether, perhaps 75 - 100 copies.

What's this I hear about you and NLRB?

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

MEMORANDUM July 17, 1961

To: Ben Muse
From: Les Dunbar

I saw Burke Marshall in Washington Wednesday and in the course of our conversation he gave me the names of two persons in Memphis whom he said he would like for you to talk with when you ~~come~~ could. He has had discussions with both of them. One is Lucius Birch, whom I later learned is an old friend of the' Council's, though I do not know him. The other is E. William Henry a prominent attorney and civic leader and according to Marsh, a friend of Robert Kennedy's.

LWD/sm

July 17, 1961

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

I was very sorry to hear from Paul today that you will not be at the Executive Committee meeting. There may be matters before the meeting on which everyone would benefit greatly from your counsel, and I had looked forward in addition to a chance to talk over some ideas with you. If it would be possible for you to stop off in Atlanta on your way home from Albuquerque, we could still do the latter.

I hope the trip to Albuquerque is a vacation for you. Good camping!

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

July 17, 1961

Mr. Richard Gregg
Laroe Road
R. R. 1
Chester, New York

Dear Mr. Gregg:

First off, let me thank you on behalf of the staff of the Southern Regional Council for visiting us while you were in Atlanta. I think everyone here feels as certain as I do that the discussion with you was a rich privilege. Thank you and come again.

We have put your name on our mailing list and you will from time to time be receiving SRC publications. In the meantime, we have selected a few things from the past which on rainy days you may wish to sample.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

July 17, 1961

Mr. William L. Taylor
U. S. Commission on Civil Rights
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Bill:'

I have for some time been meaning to drop you a note to tell you that I have read your article "Actions in Equity by the United States to Enforce School Desegregation." It is a first-rate job and I hope you have seen to it that everybody in the Civil Rights Division has read it.

There is a chance I may be in Washington late in August, perhaps somewhere between the 23rd - 25th. If so, I would like to come by and chat for a while with you and Berl. My plans right now are very tentative, but when you get a chance, would you let me know if you will be in town around this time?

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

July 17, 1961

Mr. Paul Evans
Director of Information
Tennessee Valley Authority
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

Enclosed, finally, are the promised materials on SRC. Included are a list of members, in effect the Board of Directors since SRC has no general membership; several of our recent publications which will give you some idea of our interests and approach; a few newspaper articles and editorials. I apologize for the bulk,but thought you might want a rather complete file. A small section of materials, clipped together separately, concerns several of the attacks on SRC. These attacks do occur occasionally and we always try to tie them down and answer them thoroughly. This collection is meant purely for your own information, not as file or "defense" materials.

All good wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/sm
Enclosures

July 17, 1961

Mr. J. Deotis Roberts
Assistant Professor of
Philosophy and Theology
Howard University
3756 Hayes Street, N. W.
Washington 19, D. C.

Dear Professor Roberts:

It was very interesting to read your article "Brothers In The Same Image." Thank you very much for letting us see it. I don't believe, however, that it is the sort of thing we can publish. Our little magazine, NEW SOUTH, is not big enough for this sort of article and our other publications are more in the nature of reports and findings than your thesis seems to be.

I enjoyed reading it very much and wish you luck with a publications, perhaps a religious magazine, where it might be more suitable.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Margaret Long
Director of Information

ML:lec

July 18, 1961

The Royal Orleans
Royal and St. Louis Streets
New Orleans 16, Louisiana

Gentlemen:

We are in receipt of a bill in the amount of $15.45, directed to Mr. Paul Rilling, for Room 309 on the date of June 11, 1961. Mr. Rilling advises that he personally cancelled this reservation on June 9th, and that although payment for the room was guaranteed, he was specifically told when cancelling that the guarantee would not apply since he cancelled in advance and in person.

We would appreciate your advice on this matter.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Services

MM:s

July 18, 1961

Mr. Charles W. Leonard
P. O. Box 462
Valdosta, Georgia

Dear Charles:

Edward tells me you want a copy of NEW SOUTH, which I am sending you.

We would love to have you as a reader and let me know if you are interested in seeing any more of our publications. The next issue of NEW SOUTH will be mine and I will see that you get a copy.

Love to your houseful~~l~~ of women and to Mama. We hope to get down for a week-end before Sissy leaves.

Love,

Margaret

Encl.

July 18, 1961

Mr. C. Herbert Oliver
857 Hillman Drive
Bessemer, Alabama

Dear Mr. Oliver:

We are happy to send you one hundred copies of our report on The Freedom Ride.

Please let us know if we can help you any further.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Margaret Long
Director of Information

ML:lec

July 18, 1961

The Reverend Mr. Lucius H. Pitts
Miles College
Birmingham 8, Alabama

Dear Mr. Pitts:

Paul Rilling's heavy travel schedule has not allowed him time enough in the office to attend to personal correspondence during the past several weeks, and for this reason he has asked me to write you the suggestion that Charles Wittenstein, Director of the Atlanta Area Office of the American Jewish Committee, would be an able person to handle the rumor clinic and general section of your human relations-seminar conference. (Richard Shapiro, of the Anti-Defamation League, has advised us that he will not be available, and asked that we send you any suggestions we might have for substitutes.)

Mr. Wittenstein's address is 41 Exchange Place, Room 703, Atlanta, Georgia; he is very knowledgeable in the areas you wish to cover, and I do hope that you will find he is available in late July.

Best wishes for the success of your conference.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Services

MM:s

July 18, 1961

Mr. S. J. Mattina
Purchasing Agent
Information Center Service
United States Information Agency
252 Seventh Avenue
New York, New York

Re: Paris - 21449

Dear Mr. Mattina:

We are glad to send you a complimentary copy of "The South and the Nation."

Many of our publications are available in quantity for small sums at cost to us. Of course, one or two copies is always complimentary.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Margaret Long
Director of Information

ML:lec

same letter to: The Rev. M. J. Jones, Chataanooga
Mrs. Ruth Purlmutter, Florida
Dr. Carl Holman, Atlanta

July 19, 1961

Professor Art Gallaher, Jr.
Department of Sociology & Anthropology
University of Houston
Houston 4, Texas

Dear Professor Gallaher:

We are sending under separate cover ten copies of the interview guide and instructions for the employment self-survey in your city. If you need additional copies, let us know. Please do not hesitate to (moderately) call us if there are still some unanswered questions. You should be receiving from me soon some suggested plants to be included in the survey, as well as the labor force characteristics of the Negro population in your city.

Very truly yours,

James A. Moss
Director of Research

JAM:A

July 19, 1961

Dr. C. H. Parrish
Department of Sociology
University of Louisville
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear C. H.:

Enclosed is the magnus opus. We hope it is not too formidable and that folks will not take this to be the real report. I also hope this gets to you in time for you to scan it before I arrive in Kentucky on Friday, and perhaps we could put our heads together in anticipation of some other ways in which the study could be expedited.

Cordially,

James A. Moss
Director of Research

JAM:A
Enclosure: Status Study

July 19, 1961

Professor Ronald H. Denison
c/o Department of Speech
Purdue University
Lafayette, Indiana

Dear Professor Denison:

The speech, "The Message from Mississippi," was delivered before the Rotary Club of Kalamazoo, Michigan on November 28, 1960. It was sent to us by Frederick Routh, now executive director of the Michigan FEPC and formerly employed by SRC. In his letter he only said that he was sending a copy of the speech that had been given at the Rotary Club and that he had been invited to speak the following month to reply to it-- which is how he happened to have a copy, I guess.

Since the talk was prepared for the speakers bureau of the Public Relations Department of the Mississippi State Sovereignty Commission, I imagine it was prepared by the staff of this Commission as are most of the other publications. But which one would only be a guess. You might write to them, and you might inquire of the newspaper in Kalmazoo, Michigan (most newspapers have a research department) to see if they could look up the news story on the speech to see who gave it.

Sorry not to be more helpful.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Research

July 20, 1961

Mr. Frank Holloway
Rush Memorial Church
50 Chestnut Street
Atlanta 14, Georgia

Dear Mr. Holloway:

I am glad to learn of your interest (and that of the Committee) in the employment of Negroes in stores and other commercial enterprises in Atlanta. Let me know if I can be of any help to you in phrasing the questions that you might use in the survey. Of course, we would be very pleased to receive whatever results turn up in the work.

Why don't you call me and let's arrange for a time to talk over your project.

Very truly yours,

James A. Moss
Director of Research

JAM:a
Enclosure: Status Study Outline

July 20, 1961

Mrs. John J. Joiner, Jr.
State President
Christian Missionary Society
2767 Sheffield Road
Macon, Georgia

Dear Mr. Joiner:

We regret that you have another engagement for November 6 and 7, but you do have the privilege of appointing a substitute.

If you will give us the name and address of the one you wish to come in your place, we will forward an invitation and the information to her.

Sincerely,

MET/jf

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MEMORANDUM July 20, 1961

To: John Wheeler, Chairman
Executive Committee

From: Paul Anthony

Enclosed is the proposed agenda for next week's meeting of the Executive Committee. This is subject to your approval and revisions. It is not necessary to acknowledge this unless there are changes you want made before the meeting.

Of the items on the agenda:

1. You will recall that it is required that this resolution be read at each Committee meeting. It will probably be sufficient to acknowledge this fact and have inserted in the minutes that the resolution was read.
2. The Personnel Committee, consisting of you, Mr. Dabbs, and Miss Wilkins, will meet with Les Dunbar for approximately 30 minutes before the meeting. Such recommendations as come from this meeting will be reported to the Committee by you as Chairman.
3. Les will introduce Margaret Long and Jim Moss to the Committee.
4. Developments -- or lack of them -- on the foreign visitor, TVA project will be reported to the Committee. (See the other memo enclosed.) Two other proposed projects, one covering registration and voting, the other on SRC work in New Orleans, will be brought before the Committee.
5. I will report on staff suggestions for the date and physical arrangements for the annual meeting. Les will report on suggested program plans, speeches, the invitation of guests, and the like.

6. Either Mr. Milton or Mr. Haas will report on the disposition and handling of the reserve fund. Mrs. Alexander will present the audit for the first 6 months of 1961. I will report on expenditures as compared with budget.

7. If time permits, and there is no other business, the other program staff members -- Rilling, Muse, and Mrs. Tilly -- might be asked to report on their work.

PA/sm

July 20, 1961

Dr. P. W. Hill
P. O. Box 547
Clarksdale, Mississippi

Dear Dr. Hill:

We are delighted to send you five copies of the NEW SOUTH, and gratified that you like it enough to pass around to your friends.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Margaret Long
Director of Information

ML:lec

July 20, 1961

Mrs. T. E. Shelton
Baldwin
Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Shelton:

We regret that you cannot be with us in the Workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned, Clark College, Atlanta, November 6 and 7.

You have the privilege of selecting someone to come in your place--perhaps you have a District Secretary or a Conference officer who might like to share in the Workshop. Let us know.

I think it is fine you are to be busy in a "School of Moral Concerns" for young people.

Sincerely,

MET/jf

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

July 20, 1961

The Rev. Galen Martin
Commission on Human Rights
311 Capitol Building
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Martin:

In Human Rights News, Vol. 1, No. 3, there is a notice to the effect that a tabular summary of the results of efforts toward desegregation of downtown Louisville eating places has been compiled and printed by the Integration Steering Committee, and that copies are available from the Commission. Will you please send us 25 copies, and bill us if there is a charge. We may wish to order more later, after we see it.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

July 20, 1961

Dr. Martin Luther King, Sr.
Methodist Episcopal Hospital
Broad Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. King:

We were deeply sorry to hear of your accident, but I have heard today of your fine recovery. This is cheering news.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

July 20, 1961

Mrs. C. A. Dupree
Executive Director
Negro Community Council, Inc.
3411 Nalle Street
Houston 4, Texas

Dear Mrs. Dupree:

It is interesting to have your letter about the Negro Community Council and its work. We will be very glad to see your literature.

We certainly will put the Council on our mailing list. I am passing on to our director, Leslie Dunbar, your suggestion for "coordinated activity."

Sincerely,

(Miss) Margaret Long
Director of Information

ML:lec

July 21, 1961

Mr. Bruce Phillips
Compton Counseling Center
404 West 127th Street
Los Angeles 61, California

Dear Mr. Phillips:

Enclosed is a listing of our publications. If you would check the ones in which you might be interested and return to us, we will be glad to mail them to you.

We have placed you on our mailing list to receive future material of the Council.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Luel E. Cummings

July 21, 1961

Mrs. Wayne A. Lamb
Secretary of Christian Social Relations
Memphis Conference
4100 Court Avenue
Paducah, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Lamb:

We regret that you find it will be impossible for you to attend the Workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned, Clark College, Atlanta.

You have the privilege of selecting someone to be a substitute for you. If you find someone, let us know her name and address, and the information will be sent to her.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/jf

July 21, 1961

Mr. Antonio Barolina
% Mr. Melvin L. Bergheim
Resident Foreign Correspondents Project Director
Government Affairs Institute
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Barolina:

I keep remembering with so much satisfaction your thrilling little talk to the Atlanta students when you were here. In fact I would like very much to spread the good word you brought them in the monthly magazine of the Southern Regional Council, NEW SOUTH.

You spoke so simply and handsomely that I dare not quote you without any notes; but I am particularly eager to use the lovely things you said about liberty, full equality and non-violence, and your welcome of the students to the fellowship of free men in the South and in the world.

rather necessary?

I think a writer who entertains such feelings might be glad to write it down for me so I can use it accurately in the NEW SOUTH. I'll be very grateful if you can remember what you said and send me a page or two which I could reprint in the NEW SOUTH. We would not only be very proud to run your little talk but to have such a distinguished by-line as yours. Since we are do-gooders our contributors write for love and not money.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Margaret Long
Director of Information

ML:lec

(Dictated by Miss Long, signed in her absence)

July 21, 1961

Dr. Samuel Cook
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sam:

I wonder if you would review this book for the NEW SOUTH? We want to keep up with the good new books, but of course not enough to pay reviewers anything! I hope you'll be willing occasionally to do a piece for us just for the book.

I think you'll like this little Warren book and I hope you'll do me about a two-page piece on it.

My best to Sylvia.

Yours,

Maggie

(Dictated by Miss Long, signed in her absence)

July 21, 1961

Dr. Daniel C. Thompson, Chairman
Division of the Social Sciences
Dillard University
New Orleans 22, Louisiana

Dear Dan:

I am very hopeful that our new association with the Southern Regional Council will provide us the opportunity of seeing each other again. Certain it is that our paths have not had a chance to cross since almost ten years ago. I enjoy my work very much with the Council and will need and look forward to help from you as I seek to orient myself to the race relations problems in the region.

Les Dunbar has passed on to me your manuscript, "The Case for Integration," to prepare for publication as a Council document. I am very pleased to do this. I have read the article with great interest, and it cogently and clearly presents the most relevant issues with respect to integration conflicts, particularly in the South.

I would, however, like to suggest some possible changes: some editorial corrections and the others are some deletions which may help to shorten the paper but I hope will not substantially alter the structure of it and the argument and materials presented therein. I would like to emphasize that these changes are only suggestions, and if you feel that any or all of them would do some injustice to the paper, as you would like to see it printed, then of course we will be guided by your judgment.

Since we would like to expedite the publication of your manuescript, we would appreciate your reviewing the suggested changes and returning the manuscript to us at your earliest convenience.

With all best wishes to you and to your wife,

Cordially yours,

James A. Moss
Director of Research

JAM:a

July 21, 1961

Dr. Allen D. Grimshaw
Department of Sociology
Ballantine Hall
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Dr. Grimshaw:

I would like for someone from SRC to come to Bloomington; I think it would be foolhardy at this time to say that I could come, unless another meeting in the general direction develops. Would you accept a commitment that we shall supply someone between November and March, and that early this fall we will make a definite arrangement? Many thanks for inviting us and me.

Don't let that girl from Alabama get out of control, and keep up the good work of your NAACP chapter.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

July 21, 1961

Mr. Melvin Bergheim
Governmental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mel:

Thank you for your wire. I believe all of us here enjoyed the foreign correspondents and you.-- no pain at all

I dropped a word to Helen Hill Miller the other day about the general problem in the South with foreign visitors and the usefulness of a bit of money. She was interested; how much, I do not know. I will be very interested in your report whenever you can get it put together.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

July 21, 1961

Mr. Ralph McGill, Publisher
Atlanta Constitution
Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. McGill:

I understand that you will soon receive an invitation from the Texas Council of Churches to speak in Dallas in February 1962. I know how full your schedule is, but if you can find time, this might be an interesting occasion for you. The Texas Council of Churches has set up a Race Relations Progress Study. This began a year ago and will complete its work before next February. What is contemplated is, in effect, an inventory of race relations practices and problems in the state. A number of commissions, made up of some rather distinguished and able people, are surveying the state and drawing together facts and insights in such fields as employment, housing, schools, etc. We have worked fairly closely with the Study, and have been reassured by the energy shown to date.

The plan is to end with a big conference in February, at which time the reports will be released. It is this conference you will be asked to address.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm
cc: Mr. Joe Earl Elmore

July 21, 1961

Professor Eli Ginzberg
Conservation of Human Resources
Columbia University
New York 27, New York

Dear Professor Ginzberg:

I was very glad to receive your letter. By coincidence, November 8 and 9 are the dates of our Annual Meeting which will begin about 10:00 a.m. the morning of the 8th and run through lunch on the 9th. As we shall be meeting out at Atlanta University, I hope there will be an opportunity for you to look in. I will be delighted to have you and Mrs Ginzberg for dinner on November 9; moreover, I am sure the members of the Board would be pleased to have you join us for the annual dinner on November 8.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

July 21, 1961

Mr. Harry Fleischman
National Labor Service
165 East 56th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Harry:

It was awfully good to see you last month, if only briefly. I shall be at the Mass Media Committee meeting September 22. I intend to keep this time a fairly loose schedule of appointments in case there may be some conversations that should be followed up.

I believe the copies of the Freedom Ride report and of Lucius Clay's speech have been sent as you requested in your letter of June 15. By the enclosure you will see that we have reproduced the Clay speech. As is our usual practice, we tried to get his consent. The outcome was that we got investigated by Continental Can and received finally a one sentence letter from the General,"Since my speech was made to the Governor's conference, except as it was reported, I do not believe the consent to its publication would be my privilege." I thinkwe satisfied all the requirements of courtesy.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

LWD/sm
Enclosure

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

July 21, 1961

Mr. John Feild
Executive Director
President's Committee on Equal
Employment Opportunities
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Feild:

Enclosed is a study outline for a study of Negro employment in Houston, Atlanta, Chattanooga, and Miami. The work is being done by local groups in each place, and directed by us. We hope to have a publication out some time this fall. There is a lot of enthusiasm, and a fair amount of skill among the groups doing the work. I thought you might be interested in knowing it was underway.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm
Enclosure
cc: Harold Fleming
Robert Troutman, Jr.

July 21, 1961

Mr. Vernon Eagle
The New World Foundation
475 Riverside Drive
New York, New York

Dear Vernon:

The Texas Council of Churches set up its Race Relations Progress Study with, as Harold Kilpatrick said in his letter to you of July 11, a grant of $2,000; but not, I believe, from Taconic: rather, from Currier, in that outlay of his to ministers and religious bodies who had done "well." Will Campbell has been a friend of the Study from the beginning, and I went out last summer for a couple of days to advise on methods, etc. We helped them this year with $1,200. We felt disposed to do this because, with our staff changeovers, our own research commitments were not up to pace, and because we were promised a bundle of the final reports for distribution. We also thought that if what they are doing comes off well, we could use it as an example to stimulate, or try to, similar work in other states.

We earmarked our contribution for one item in the budget estimates they sent to us: salary of director, Joe Elmore. I got to know Joe last summer through 2½ days of constant association, and have kept in touch with him all year. I think he is a rare fellow. A Texan, he teaches philosophy and religion at Earlham College, is student counsellor, and his administrative gifts have now landed him the distasteful spot of assistant to the President. Joe worked on the Study all last summer, and is at work again. He did an organizing job last year I wouldn't have believed possible, and if the Study comes off it will be because of his herd riding.

I have been in now and then touch all year. A couple of the commissions seem to have done unusually well so far; e. g., the one on churches. A couple others haven't yet done much, though

Joe may well straighten them out. Many of the commission members are top rate, as a result of Joe's recruitment.

In sum, this is something we would like to see succeed. They mean not only to publish what will in effect be an inventory of race relations in one state, but to use it as a catalyst and blue print for church action. I have the feeling that they will work just as well, maybe better, if kept a little hungry, but I know they do need money and have no oil wells.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

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A Council to attain the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South

July 21, 1961

To: Members of the Southern Regional Council
From: Leslie W. Dunbar

Three months ago I took office, and since then I have been able to see and talk with many of you, though unhappily not all. This letter is intended to acknowledge the heavy trust you have accorded me, and my wish that I and all our staff will during the next year get to know each of you better and that you will become more closely associated with our work.

Let me carry that thought a little further. One of Harold Fleming's finest achievements was that he pulled together and put to work a competent staff, one which, I hope, represented you as you would like to be. Our objective now should be both to maintain and improve the quality and effectiveness of the staff, and to bring you into more active participation with it in policy and program planning. This is not said merely as a pleasantry. I think the natural development of the Council requires that now, after a solid staff has been built, there be a re-emphasis of the founding idea of the Council, as an active body of southern liberals, involving themselves directly in the planning, fulfillment, and evaluation of programs. I believe two things are true: the South needs a parliament of liberals, deliberating and speaking, and you are it; secondly, a good staff will know how to draw strength, not enfeeblement, from a vigorous Board.

If this development occurs, the Council will be an increasingly useful servant of its ideals and its region, and the country which embraces them both. There will be much to do. I think, in fact, that the period of the Council's greatest value is here at hand. Our organization performed a magnificent service by keeping alive during the hard times of 1954-58, making its voice heard, and keeping the facts straight. An organization such as ours will find, however, its largest opportunities in the fluid situation we presently have, and in the move forward which the South will surely make in the next decade. We have now the opportunity to lead. We are not on the defensive any longer.

Even though the problems are as rough as ever in a few states (and may well get worse), we do now live and work in a greatly changed South. We need to be alert to that fact. We need to forsake defensive thinking and speaking. We need to hasten our pace and lengthen our stride. We need to learn the practical wisdom of impatience.

In other ways, too, the role of the Council is changing. Now as in the past, Negroes are the prime movers in the reform of the South. The Negro movement has, however, become much more complex during the past 18 months: new organizations and methods and men have appeared. I think the Council can and should welcome this, for the movement has gained a larger popular following, and its virility and dedication have been boosted. At the same time, we have now an administration in Washington which not only is sympathetic, but is keenly desirous of itself supplying initiative in the civil rights struggle.

The Council has, over the years, had the confidence and respect of its allied agencies. I think I can report to you that respect and confidence have never been higher than they are now.

We have much to do. I have the humbling knowledge that if, a year from now or two years from now, the Council is as effective as it was when Harold Fleming passed direction to my hands, I and my colleagues shall have failed. For Harold gave us momentum, and we have to maintain it. The state councils and our field activities in general should be strengthened. Our publications should be more ambitious, and our research more thorough.

The people to accomplish these things are here. I would like to use this letter to announce three recent staff appointments. James A. Moss, on July 10, became Director of Research. Dr. Moss' most recent appointment was on the sociology faculty of Union College. His research and writings in racial relations have been sustained, numerous, and highly regarded. He will shortly leave us, for a month, to deliver this year's lectures on American racial relations at the Salzburg Seminar in Austria.

Margaret Boozer joined the staff July 3 as Research Assistant. During a varied career she has, among other activities, taught sociology at Little Rock Junior College; done editorial work for the Board of Church Extension, Presbyterian Church,U.S., and, most recently, taught Latin in the DeKalb County (Ga.) high schools. We welcome her and James Moss with real pleasure.

Margaret Long, on July 5, became Director of Information. Mrs. Long has been a staffer on newspapers in Atlanta, Richmond, Macon (Ga.), Chattanooga, and Columbus (Ga.), as well as for the Associated Press. Her most recent affiliation was as a columnist for the Atlanta Journal, where her writing in promotion of civil rights won for her this year the Florina Lasker award of the American Civil Liberties Union. She has written two novels and numerous magazine articles. We welcome her warmly.

With staff people such as these, joined with our veterans, the Council is well prepared to meet its responsibilities.

LWD/sm

July 22, 1961

Mr. Heinz Ohnesorge
Governmental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Heinz,

I finally found the clippings from the Constitution that you asked for and other news stories about your visit here. We have thermofaxed everything we can find, and I am sending you copies to go around amoung the group. I think you all will be especially interested in Pat Watters' two Journal columns inspired by your views in Atlanta. This is one way of looking at it--the Southern way.

It was enormously interesting to all of us to have you writers with us, especially the "correspondant's answer to Mayor Hartsfield." The absolute rectitude of your ideas was good, fresh stimulation for us.

Do remember me to Bert Van Velzen and your other colleagues. Tell Mr. Stajduhar and Bert that my daughter, Margaret Leonard, will call them when she gets to New York for names of your friends whom she will want to see if she gets to Holland and Yugoslavia. If this hospitality is too much trouble, you can gracefully forget it.

Best wishes to all of you from all of us.

Yours truly,

Margaret Long
Director of Information

MLL/jf
Enclosures under
separate cover

July 24, 1961

Miss Sheila McCann
Staff Associate, U.S.N.S.A.
3457 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia 4, Penn.

Dear Miss McCann:

Thank you for your note about the display on the publications table.

We will be glad to send 100 copies of a new publication of Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

ML/jf

Margaret Long
Director of Information

July 24, 1961

Mr. Norman L. Kilpatrick
1201 East Second Street
Greenville, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Kilpatrick:

We will be glad to send your our report on the Freedom Rides.

I am also sending along, *The Church in Areas of Racial Tension*, which may interest you. There is no charge for a copy or two of such publications.

Sincerely,

ML/jf

Margaret Long
Director of Information

July 24, 1961

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

I see no reason at all why you should not express to the Department of Justice your interest in the Highlander case. You can never, of course, use an SRC letterhead and sign as an individual; you can try, but no one would take you seriously. But I don't see why it would be in any way inappropriate for the President of SRC to convey his interest and concern.

I have always a personal reluctance about telling people -- even officials -- what they should do, or about telling persons charged -- as I am not -- with making a decision what that decision should be. I would, were I writing the letter in this situation, say simply that I hoped the Department would look closely into the case; that the past attacks on Highlander and the history of the present action against it are such that I think the Department would be justified, perhaps obligated, in looking behind the state Supreme Court's decision; that if the Department concluded that the decision was, in fact, part of an attack on Highlander for its integrationist views I would request that the Department consider filing as amicus.

If you decide to write, the letter should go, I think, to Robert Kennedy, with a carbon for Burke Marshall.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm
Enclosure

July 24, 1961

Mr. Leland DeVinney
Associate Director
Rockefeller Foundation
111 West 50th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. DeVinney:

This is a much belated word of appreciation for the pleasant lunch with you and your associates last month. It was a pleasure to meet with all of you.

I thought you might be interested in the enclosed letter to members of our Board, and especially the last few paragraphs, which announce that our staffing problems have been solved.

You asked me to let you know when in the fall I would be in New York. I have an appointment there on September 22 from 11:00 - 2:30; the rest of the day is free. About noon on September 20, I'll be delivering my freshman daughter to Swarthmore, and could come on up to New York late that afternoon or any time on the 21st.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm
Enclosure

July 24, 1961

Dr. Albert W. Dent, President
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Dent:

In response to your request for information concerning Negro employment by utility and transportation companies we are conducting a short survey for the purpose of securing the desired information. As soon as we have received and compiled the data, we will send you a report.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Herbert T. Boozer
Research Assistant

On July 25, 1961, the following people were mailed the attached letter :

Secretaries of State:

1. The Honorable Bettye Frink, Montgomery Alabama
2. The Honorable Robert A. Gray, Tallahassee, Florida
3. The Secretary of State, Little Rock, Arkansas
4. The Honorable Ben Fortson Jr. , Atlanta, Georgia
5. The Honorable Henry H. Carter, Frankfort, Kentucky
6. The Honorable Wade O. Martin, Jr., Baton Rouge, Louisiana
7. The Honorable Heber A. Ladner, Jackson, Mississippi
8. The Honorable Thad Eure, Raleigh, North Carolina
9. The Honorable O. Frank Thornton, Columbia, South Carolina
10. The Honorable Joe Carr, Nashville, Tennessee
11. The honorable Zollie Steakley, Austin, Texas
12. The Honorable Martha B. Conway, Richmond, Virginia

Geofrey Heard

Research Department

GH:jr

July 25, 1961

The Honorable Martha B. Conway
Secretary of the Commonwealth
State Capitol Building
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Miss Conway:

The Council is attempting to bring its records up to date in regard to voter registration in the South. We would appreciate your sending us the following information for the state of Virginia:

1. Total number of registered voters
2. Total number of White registered voters
3. Total number of Negro registered voters
4. The qualifications necessary to register in the state.

Since this information is desired for current use, we shall appreciate your prompt attention to our request.

Thank you for any assistance that you may be able to extend.

Yours truly,

Geofrey Heard

GH:jr

July 25, 1961

Mrs. Jane Lee Eddy
Executive Director
Taconic Foundation
666 Fifth Avenue
New York 19, New York

Dear Mrs. Eddy:

From time to time we have prepared Newsletters for mailing to the offices of the state Councils. Because of your interest in the state groups, I thought you would like to have a file of these.

Sincerely,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

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Enclosures

July 25, 1961

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
Executive Vice President
The Field Foundation
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Max:

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Sincerely,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

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July 25, 1961

Mr. Richard A. Wagner
Mango School
1080 Mango Avenue
Sunnyvale, California

Dear Mr. Wagner:

We do not have a regular mailing list for our publications, but we will be delighted to put you on our list to receive our Leadership Reports as soon as they come out. We think they are of special interest to educators. The Leadership Reports are free, of course, except in quantity; the New South is $2.00 per year. I am also enclosing a list of our publications in case you see something that interests you.

We will send you five copies of the publications that you asked for.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Long
Director of Information

ML/jf
Enc.

July 25, 1961

Mr. Nat. R. Griswold
1229 West Capitol
Little Rock
Arkansas

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Dear Mr. Griswold:

I am writing for Mr. Dunbar in answer to your inquiries about the Woodward and Wright Speeches. I was very much interested in both of them as possibilities for *New South* articles but held off because of the *Times* request for Mr. Woodward's speech and because Mr. Wright had been pretty well published; so we don't plan to use either of them in the next issue of *New South*. We might, of course, make some use of ideas of quotes im later issues of *New South*.

As far as we are concerned, we think it would be fine to see these speeches used in the *Journal of Intergroup Relations*, which would not preclude our dipping into them for different use later on.

Sincerely,

ML/jf

Margaret Long.
Director of Information

July 25, 1961

Mr. Charles T. Steele, Executive Director
Louisville Urban League
608 West Walnut Street
Louisville 3, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Steele:

Our Research Department is making a survey study of the trends in Negro employment by transportation and utility companies in the South. We are including in the survey thirty cities in fifteen Southern states and the District of Columbia.

We would appreciate your providing us with the information requested on the enclosed form, returning it to us at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Herbert T. Boozer
Research Assistant

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July 25, 1961

Mr. Robert A. Thompson, Executive Director
Atlanta Urban League
239 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Herbert T. Boozer
Research Assistant

July 25, 1961

Mr. Furman L. Templeton, Executive Director
Baltimore Urban League
2404 Pennsylvania Avenue
Baltimore 17, Maryland

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Research Assistant

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July 25, 1961

Mr. Junius A. Bowman, Executive Secretary
Jacksonville Urban League
109 East Union Street, Room 1
Jacksonville 2, Florida

Dear Mr. Bowman:

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Herbert T. Boozer
Research Assistant

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July 25, 1961

Mr. Herbert L. Tyson, Executive Secretary
Little Rock Urban League
914 Gaines Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Tyson:

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Mrs. Herbert T. Boozer
Research Assistant

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July 25, 1961

Mr. J. A. McDaniel, Executive Director
Memphis Urban League
546 Beale Avenue
Memphis 5, Tennessee

Dear Mr. McDaniel:

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Mrs. Herbert T. Boozer
Research Assistant

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July 25, 1961

Mr. H. Daniel Lang, Executive Director
Greater Miami Urban League
395 N. W. First Street
Miami 36, Florida

Dear Mr. Lang:

Our Research Department is making a survey study of the trends in Negro employment by transportation and utility companies in the South. We are including in the survey thirty cities in fifteen Southern states and the District of Columbia.

We would appreciate your providing us with the information requested on the enclosed form, returning it to us at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Herbert T. Boozer
Research Assistant

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July 25, 1961

Mr. J. Harvey Kerns, Executive Director
Urban League of Greater New Orleans
504 Carondelet Street
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Kerns:

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Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Herbert T. Boozer
Research Assistant

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July 25, 1961

Mr. William E. Douthit, Executive Director
Oklahoma City Urban League
215 North Walnut
Oklahoma City 4, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Douthit:

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Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Herbert T. Boozer
Research Assistant

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July 25, 1961

Mr. B. L. Robinson, Executive Director
Richmond Urban League
12 West Leigh Street
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Mr. Robinson:

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Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Herbert T. Boozer
Research Assistant

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Also sent to

Mr. M. Leo Bohanon, Executive Secretary
Urban League of St. Louis, Inc.
3017 Delmar Boulevard
St. Louis 3, Missouri

Mr. Arthur D. Allen, Executive Secretary
Tampa Urban League
1615 Lamar Avenue
Tampa 2, Florida

Mr. Marion M. Taylor, Executive Secretary
Tulsa Urban League
107½ North Greenwood Avenue
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Mr. Sterling Tucker, Executive Director
Washington Urban League
626 Third Street, N. W.
Washington 1, D. C.

Mr. S. D. Harvey, Executive Director
Winston-Salem Urban League
610 Coliseum Drive
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

__________________________________ ______________________
Name of city and state Date

I. Are there any Negro bus drivers currently employed in your city? ___ (If yes, how many? ____; in your state? ___ (If yes, how many and where located? ______________________________________

Are there any Negroes currently in training as bus drivers in your city? ___ (If yes, how many? ____); in your state? (If yes, how many and where located? __________________________________).

Are transportation companies in your city publicly or privately owned? __________________

II. Are there any Negroes employed in skilled capacities in public utilities in your city? ___ (If yes, how many? ____); in your state? ___ (If yes, how many and where located? _______________).

What skill levels are attained in companies furnishing the following services (if possible, indicate how many persons are employed at each level):

Telephone ____

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Water ____

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Electric ____

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Gas ____

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Are there any Negroes in training for these jobs in your city? _____ (If yes, how many? ____); in your state? ___ (If yes, how many and and where located? ______________________________________

Remarks:

Return to: Research
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
5 Forsyth St. N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

July 25, 1961

Musab Siddiqi
306 E. College
Carbondale, Illinois

Dear Mr. Siddiqi:

We are sending our studies; The Freedom Ride, The Student Protest Movement, Racial Violence and Law Enforcement, and the last issue of our magazine, the New South. I am also enclos- a list of our publications.

I suggest you write C.O.R.E. in New York, N.A.I.R.O., and S.C.L.C. of which Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is the leader.

We are also sending you a copy of the important, "Appeal for Human Rights," which a committee of students here made a year ago.

Sincerely,

ML/jf
Enclosures (2)

Margaret Long
Director of Information

July 25, 1961

Miss K. Jewell
4907 Southern Lane
Apt. B
South Gate, California

Dear Miss Jewell:

Thanks so much for your compliments on our pamphlet, School Desegregation. We are delighted to send you a copy for yourself. After this, remember there is no charge for single copies. We do make a small charge for publications ordered in quantity (cost to us charge).

Sincerely,

ML/jf

Margaret Long
Director of Information

July 25, 1961

Mr. Harvey Shepherd
St. Maur's School
South Union
Kentucky

Dear Mr. Shepherd:

We are sending you six copies of Haywood Hill's This I Believe. We are also sending you a copy of our publications list and the latest issue of New South, in case you find something else that might interest you. These publications are free unless you order them in quantities. The New South, our magazine, costs $2.00 per year.

Sincerely,

ML/jf

Margaret Long
Director of Information

July 25, 1961

Mr. Saunders Jones
Birmingham Stove & Range Company
P. O. Box 2593
Birmingham 2, Alabama

Dear Mr. Jones:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, several items which we hope will be helpful to you in compiling your report for the Sunday School Class on what has been done toward complying with the 1954 Supreme Court decision on Integration.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
  Special Report on School Desegregation for 1960-61
  School Desegregation: the first six years
  Report L-24A, New School Laws in Georgia
  New South, "The South Says It Will Come!
                "Deep South Facing Desegregation"   May, 1961
  What the Supreme Court Said
  Haywood N. Hill, "This I Believe"

July 25, 1961

Editor
University of N. C. Law Review
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Sir:

Would it be possible to get 100 reprints of Daniel Pollitt's article on executive powers? and if so, how much would this cost?

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

July 25, 1961

LWD JAM

Whitney Young's memo: Human Resources in the South

Les, I told you my general impressions about Whitney Young's memo about Human Resources in the South. As you recall, this was an exploratory article in which he is suggesting some more intensive investigation and analysis on the subject of status of the Negro community. But I would like to either tie this in with a peice of research which we would do ~~(~~or try to get someone else to do -- (I think I might like to take a shot at it) drawing on your population and social statistics for the region and material from other sources to draft a working paper on the human resources of the South, perhaps in two parts: 1) the Negro resources in the South and the North; 2) the white resources. I think I can deal with the first; the second might better be handled by a social scientist with an economic background or bent. We might turn part 2 over to some competent person.

Let's talk about this whenever you are ready.

July 25, 1961

Mr. A. W. Goodyear
Editor
Social Sciences
Prentice-Hall, Inc.
Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Goodyear:

I am embarrassed to say that I do not now remember specifically what I said I would include in a book on the Minorities in American Society, growing out of my discussion with Mr. Joseph Conlon. If you could thermafax, or in any way reproduce, the tentative outline I gave him, I would be very pleased to give this matter more consideration. In any event, I would not be able to turn in a detailed outline and prospectus until late fall--closer to the end of November. At that time I would be willing to try to submit a detailed outline and prospectus for the book and perhaps a sample chapter. If this meets with your approval, please let me hear from you at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

James A. Moss
Director of Research

JAM:A

July 25, 1961

Mr. Frank E. Schwelb
Attorney at Law
20 Broad Street
New York 5, New York

Dear Mr. Schwelb:

We have read your article, "The Sit-in Demonstration: Criminal Trespass or Constitutional Right," as published in the New York University Law Review with great interest and admiration for the great amount of research and analysis, as well as the objective conclusions. We very much appreciate your sending us a reprint, and it will be a welcome addition to our files.

Your kind comments regarding our organization and our work are also very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

James A. Moss
Director of Research

JAM:a

July 25, 1961

Professor James Harvey Young
Department of History
Emory University, 22, Georgia

Dear Harvey:

I read with some care the chapter of Will Allred's thesis on state organizations. With the exception of the few questions which I noted and Peggy delivered to you today, the treatment seems to me altogether unobjectionable from the Council's standpoint. As I told you, I did a year or so ago read an earlier draft of the whole thesis and, relying on Will's statement that Harold Fleming had read all of the present draft except the chapter on the state organizations, I did not think it needful to review more than the one chapter. I think it is a good job. As I told you over the telephone, we would like a copy of the final typescript and if Will could arrange this we would be grateful.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Exectitive Director

LWD:A

July 26, 1961

Nathaniel Griswold
Executive Director
Askansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Griswold:

Our research department is compiling the most up-to-date information on the sit-in movement. Part of this will be confirming lists of cities in which lunch counter desegregation is reported to have taken place. We have heard that counters were desegregatediin Fort Smith, Arkansas, but have no personal or press corroboration. Do you know if counters are now open there?

In addition, it would be of great help if you have information on possible other cities where lunch counters have been desegregated.

We would appreciate very much any aid you can give us.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Dorothy Miller
Research Department

July 26, 1961

M. Leo Bohanon
Executive Secretary
Urban League of St. Louis, Inc.
3017 Delmar Boulevard
St. Louis 3, Missouri

Dear Mr. Bohanon:

Our research department is compiling the most up-to-date information on the sit-in movement. Park of this will be confirming lists of cities in which lunch counter desegregation is reported to have taken place. We do not have press or personal corroboration for many of these cities, and I wonder if you could aid us by checking those of the following in Missouri which you know to have been desegregated.

Ohio?

Chillicothe
Clayton
Columbia
Independence
Marysville
N. Kansas City
Poplar Bluff
St. Charles
Sedalia
Sikeston
Mexico
Guthrie

This is rather a lengthy list, I know, but perhaps you might have received some information through your work with the League. Of course, if you know of any other cities which are not on this list, we would like to hear about them also.

We appreciate any aid you can give us.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Dorothy Miller
Research Department

July 26, 1961

Mr. M. Mindlin
Managing Editor
Forum Service
1/2 Langham Place
London W. 1., England

Dear Mr. Mindlin:

Sorry to have missed my deadline.

I am, nevertheless, bold enough to ask a favor. As you may know, we print a small magazine called New South, and I wonder if you would object if we used this article in it. We would, of course, indicate that it had been written originally for you. New South has 4,000 plus subscribers, mostly in the South and mostly people affiliated with our organization. We print each month 6,200 copies. If you could respond to this request as quickly as convenient, I should be grateful.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm
Enclosure

July 26, 1961

Rabbi Jacob Rothschild
The Temple
1589 Peachtree Street, N.E.
Atlanta 9, Georgia

Dear Rabbi Rothschild:

Following up our conversation of some days ago, this is to put in writing the date, place and hour we will have "The Facade of Brotherhood" in the workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned.

The date is Monday, November 6th.
The hour -- 11:00 o'clock to 12:30.
The place -- Kresge Hall, Clark College.

You have been with us before and probably know the women in the workshop come from our Southeastern states and are selected by their overhead church bodies because of their leadership in the field of human relations. The group is interracial and interfaith.

We have had such wonderful reactions to our Y.W.C.A. Facade that we feel this will be more than worthwhile for this wider group.

I hope you have encircled this date on your calendar. You have been wonderfully kind to me, and more than helpful. Please accept my thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/sm

July 26, 1961

The Rev. John Mulroy, S.T.L.
Director of Catholic Information Service
2699 Peachtree Street, N. E.
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Dear Father Mulroy:

I thank you very much for agreeing to share in another "Facade of Brotherhood." When you find you have time to see me, I would much appreciate getting some guidance from you on the "Facade." You helped us greatly before.

I think I told you "The Fellowship of the Concerned" is the women's work of the Southern Regional Council. This yearly South-wide workshop came into being between the two world wars, and has gone on under several names as issues required. It was for several years "The Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynching." When the job was done, the name was changed.

I hope you have encircled on your calendar November 6th, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Kresge Hall, Clark College.

With thanks and best wishes to you,

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/sm

July 26, 1961

Research staff (CC: LWD) JAM

Work plan; allocation of responsibilities

I think this is, in substance, a summary of our conversations this morning. It was our feeling that all of the research requests that come to the Council should be channelled through Montez, who, will, in turn, allocate the responsibilities to members of the research group. In terms of specifics:

1) Montez is the administrative right arm of the research staff, handling all of the request that come to us and keeping some kind of check on both the channels (telephone call, office visit, mail request) of the requests and will continue, as in the past, to answer letters requesting research information, in addition to seriving as a liaison person between the research group and the staff members of SRC.

2) Meg is primarily responsible for the fact-finding and report-writing of small research requests that come to us (e.g., the request for information on meter readers and bus drivers in the South). She will also assume the responsibility for sharing with me the reading of manuscripts and their editing in preparation for publication as Council documents.

Meg indicates that she will provide through minutes continuity between the staff meetings held by the group and will in confe~~r~~rence with Elizabeth schedule the explorations within the research organization. Meg will keep Montez informed of these schedules.

3) Temporarily, Elizabeth will be the person whom we expect to know the location of the files in the research office--this responsibility to be, as soon as possible, jointly shared by all members of the research group. Elizabeth has agreed to prepare for us a descriptive manual outlining all the kinds of meterial we have on file and where they are located.

4) The research assistants as a group (Jeff and Judy for a time yet, Dotty, Jane, and Elizabeth) will, on a staggared basis, share the responsibility for the reading and the clipping of newspapers and periodicals. In addition the following basic topics will be covered individually by these staff members:

Elizabeth	Dottie
Civil Liberties	Sit-ins
Civil Rights	Public Accomodations
Law & law enforcement	Medical care, Health, & Welfare
Suffrage	Housing
Freedom Rides	Economy
International relations	Politics

Jeff & Judy (to be assigned to Jane in mid-August) Jeff and Judy will instruct her in the routine

Jeff: Employment
Labor
Violence & Intimidation and Resistance Groups

Judy: Education
Religion
Intergroup Relations

In this way, when any request is made for research information, Montez could very quickly call to the research staff member into whose category it falls and ask him (or her) to handle the fact-finding for this request.

I urge upon you to use the next six weeks as an observation and experimentation period pointing up the rough spots in these arrangements where they occur so that we may have the basis for some discussion upon my return. I ask you also to be of as much assistance as you can to Dr. Parrish in the employment study in order that we may complete that as close to the target date as possible.

July 27, 1961

Mr. John Yungblut
Quaker House
1384 Fairview Road, N. E.
Atlanta 6, Georgia

Dear Mr. Yungblut:

I am deeply grateful to you for consenting to be the workshop leader for "The Fellowship of the Concerned" at Kresge Hall, Clark College, November 6 and 7. This is just a reminder to you to circle these dates on your calendar. The general theme is "The Kingdom Without Frontiers -- One God, One World, One People."

The dividing into the six or eight working groups will be about 2:30 or 3 on the first day, and they will have an evening session. They will be really planning groups to find ways and means of working when they go home to help our country be what it started to be, "A Kingdom Without Frontiers." On the next day, you will lead the discussion on the reports from the groups.

Later on you will be called to a committee meeting to work out details.

With best wishes and a heart full of thanks to you, I remain,

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/sm

July 27, 1961

Mr. Eugene Patterson
Editor
Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Patterson:

Thank you so much for granting me a few minutes of your busy time last week. I am even more grateful to you for consenting to be the "Questioner" in the "Facade of Brotherhood" November 6th in the workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned, Southern Women Concerned About Their South. The "Fellowship" is the women's work of the Southern Regional Council. I am afraid that I forgot to tell you this.

Please note in your calendar, November 6, 11:00 a.m., Kresge Hall, Clark College.

I will give you some further information about your part in the "Facade" a little later.

Deeply grateful to you for this great service you will render to all of us "Concerned about our South," I remain,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/sm

July 27, 1961

Bishop John Owen Smith
Wesley Memorial Building
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Bishop Smith:

I have been by your office twice to thank you for your gracious letter that gave me every hope that November 7th is marked on your calendar for the workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned, to be held at Kresge Hall, Clark College. I wish I might have found you in your office, but I learned a long time ago a Bishop has to be in many places.

The schedule for November 7th is Opening Worship at 9:30 a.m., and we close the session at 12:30. Of course, we will arrange the time for you to speak to us at any hour you suggest. Our theme for the workshop is "The Kingdom Without Frontiers -- One God, One World, One People." We begin on the 6th with "A Facade of Brotherhood" in which Mr. Eugene Patterson, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, will question Rabbi Rothschild, Father John Mutroy, Dow Kirkpatrick, and Dr. Benjamin Mays in the areas of three questions: Religious Tolerance, Open Church and Open Schools, Interpreting Social Changes to the Uncommitted. As the hours go on, we'll think of One World, and you will have an opportunity, if you wish, to lead us into realizing we are "One People -- Are we not the children of one Father?" This is left with you to decide.

I want to add my thanks to the many I know you must have received for your patient and wise leadership over our Annual Conference. Your words after the acceptance of the report of the Commission on Social Concerns certainly strengthened this great program in this Conference.

I wish the vote on the Amendment had been favorable, however it was good it was a close "yea",and Bill Cannon's speech was great.

I am very thankful that you came to be our Bishop.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/sm

July 27, 1961

Mrs. Margaret Slaughter
N.C.C.I.J.
21 West Superior Street
Chicago 10, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Slaughter:

Double spacing between paragraphs

We would be more than happy to help you prepare an exhibit of our materials for your national convention, Aug. 24.

Under separate cover, we are sending you some samples of our material which we think might be of particular interest to you. *This I Believe* by Haywood Hill is available at $.02 per copy. The special report, *The Freedom Ride*, can be purchased at $.05 per copy. We can send you the L-1 Report, the *Southern Regional Council--Its Origins and Aims*, free of charge. The rest of our publications are available at the prices in the enclosed publications list, less 20% discount for special organizations such as yours.

Unfortunately, we must warn you that we do not have 400 to 500 copies of some of our L Reports. If you will let us know which L Reports you would like to have, we will try to fill the order as closely as possible.

We hope that we can be of service to you and your organization.

Yours truly,

Margaret Long
Director of Information

ML/jf
Enc.

July 27, 1961

Turner Subscription Agency, Inc.
235 Park Avenue South
New York 3, New York

Gentlemen:

I hope we are not too late to list New South in your new edition of the Turner Trade Price List. We like to get this attention. I am including a description of our magazine, the New South.

Sincerely,

ML/jf

Margaret Long
Director of Information

NEW SOUTH; 16 page journal (11 times a year) with factual reports, ideas and opinions on Southern race relations, desegregation and progress of the growth and status of the Southern Negro, and his advancing position in the South. New South is published in Atlanta by Southern Regional Council. Its subscription rate is $2.00 per year.

July 27, 1961

Mr. Muggsy Smith
Representative, Fulton County
650 Hurt Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Muggsy,

Double spacing

How nice to get your elegant card saying you are pleased with my new job. Let me say to you I wish you luck in the new job you are looking for.

Why don't you come by and see us sometime here at the Council?

Yours,

ML/jf

Margaret Long
Director of Information

July 27, 1961

Mr. Nat. R. Griswold
1229 West Capitol
Little Rock
Arkansas

Dear Mr. Griswold:

I am writing for Mr. Dunbar in answer to your inquiries about the Woodward and Wright speeches. I was very much interested in both of them as possibilities for *New South* articles but held off because of the *Times* request for Mr. Woodward's speech and because Mr. Wright had been pretty well publicized; so we don't plan to use either of them in the next issue of *New South*. We might, of course, make some use of ideas of quotes in later issues of *New South*.

As far as we are concerned, we think it would be fine to see these speeches used in the *Journal of Intergroup Relations*, which would not preclude our dipping into them for different use later on.

Sincerely,

ML/jf

Margaret Long
Director of Information

July 27, 1961

Professor Harry Holloway
Department of Government
The University of Texas
Austin 12, Texas

Dear Professor Holloway:

We are pleased to send you the requested 50 copies of our June, 1961 issue of New South at no charge. If you should wish to order larger quantities, the price would be .10 each. We do not have copies of the article by Mrs. George A. Eddy, "Alexandria Council Seeks Improved Race Relations," except in New South, but we would have no objection to your Austin group reproducing this in mimeograph form if this would solve your distribution problem for less than the purchase of New South.

We are, of course, very glad to learn of your interest in Negro behavior in voting in the South, and refer you to the long range study of voting at the University of North Carolina, under the direction of Dr. Donald Matthews, Department of Political Science. You might want to establish contact with him. Since you are in Texas, you may also want to contact Professor Gus Bernd, Department of Political Science, Southern Methodist University. He has conducted some studies of Negro voting in Georgia and may be able to provide you with some additional help.

While we are not in position to finance any research projects ourselves, we would be very glad to review any proposal for such research that you might want to submit to a foundation, and, on the basis of such a review, we would be pleased to offer our recommendation of your research project to the appropriate foundation.

At any rate, we would be most interested in reading what you have written on Negro voting behavior, and will appreciate your keeping in touch with us.

Best wishes to the Austin Commission, and if we can help you with other materials let us know.

Very truly yours,

James A. Moss
Director of Research

JAM:A

July 27, 1961

The Honorable Adam Clayton Powell
Chairman
Subcommittee on Education, of the
Committee on Labor & Public Welfare
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Congressman Powell:

It is my understanding that when your committee held some hearings in June, Edward R. Murrow either appeared before the committee or submitted a written statement discussing the images that people abroad have of America. I would like very much to obtain one (or two, if possible) copy (ies) of this portion of the committee hearings.

Very truly yours,

James A. Moss
Director of Research

JAM:A

July 27, 1961

Mr. Reed Sarratt
Executive Director
Southern Education Reporting Service
P.O.Box 6156 Acklen Station
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Sarratt:

Both the Georgia and the Florida Councils on Human Relations will be very happy to distribute sample copies of the August Southern School News to their members. Please send the papers, envelopes, etc., in the quantities noted below, to:

Mrs. Frances Pauley
Executive Director
Georgia Council on Human Relations
41 Exchange Place, S.E., Room 309
Atlanta 3, Georgia — 550 copies

Mr. William K. Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
4241 S. W. 109th Court
Miami 55, Florida — 750 copies.

I feel rather certain that Mrs. Pauley and Mr. Williams would appreciate receiving a copy of Harry Jones' covering letter also, if possible.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Services

MM:s

July 27, 1961

Mr. Herman H. Long
Race Relations Department
Fisk University Office
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Long:

Your letter to Leslie Dunbar was referred to James Moss, our new director of research; since Mr. Moss is leaving tomorrow, to be gone six weeks (delivering the Salzburg lectures), he has asked me to reply to your letter for him.

We don't really have a list of professional organizations and other groups which have taken the official position of not meeting in the South at any hotel or related facility that discriminates against Negro participants. The survey we tried to make, in 1960, was to compile a directory of convention facilities available in the South for biracial groups. This survey was a flop; not enough replies came in to issue a real report. The enclosed article in New South will give you the gist of the replies we did receive.

I have gone through our files for 1960 and 1961, to update the New South article somewhat, and also to search out any groups refusing to meet in the South because of discrimination. The short list follows:

American Association for the Advancement of Science
U. S. Conference of Mayors
Southern Sociological Society (about 250 delegates; 5% Negro)
Southern Psychological Association
Southern Political Scientists Association
International Convention of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) since 1953, reaffirmed in 1960. (13,000 delegates)
American Federation of Catholic Workers for the Blind.

Items to up-date New South article:

VIRGINIA, Norfolk, July 12, 1961
The Virginia State American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations reported yesterday that the new Golden Triangle Hotel had agreed to provide accommodations for Negro and white delegates without discrimination. A. Philip Randolph, the only Negro vice president of the national AFL-CIO, demanded last month that the charter of the Virginia unit be revoked if it held its convention on a Jim Crow basis.

TEXAS, Chattanooga Times, June 13, 1961
Texas hotels will integrate "in the very near future," Seymour Weiss, president of the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans, predicted here Monday night..."the South is being penalized and we might as well...prepare to take a real beating." He said he has visited Dallas and Houston within thepast three weeks and that he is convinced all large Texas hotels will soon integrate in order to attract large conventions.

TENNESSEE, Baltimore Catholic Review, January 13, 1961
The segregation issue has caused the American Federation of Catholic Workers for the Blind to disassociate itself with the 1961 convention of the American Association of Workers for the Blind. Father Robert J. Shea, president, in a letter to Hulan Walker, executive secretary of the American Association of Workers for the Blind, said the decision of the latter group to hold its 1961 convention in Memphis, Tenn., which would bar Negro membersof the Catholic organization from attending, makes it impossible for the Catholic association to be a part of the convention.

MISSOURI, New York Times, May 19, 1961
The St. Louis Board of Aldermen passed a bill today prohibiting racial or religious discrimination in restaurants, hotels, theatres, and other establishments offering accommodations to the general public. (20 to 4) ... The St. Louis Council on Human Relations will be authorized to initiate or receive complaints, attempt to adjust them through conciliation or to file charges in court. Fines for violations will range from $25 to $500.

GEORGIA, Atlanta Constitution, January 17, 1961
Segregation in hotels, restaurants and other facilities is hurting Atlanta's development as a convention city and international center, Mayor Hartsfield declared Friday. "We are losing one convention after another, simply because we cannot take a few Negroes in our hotels."

(From letter from official of Atlanta Convention Bureau, April 12, 1961) "Since Atlanta has not yet experienced an overall decline in convention business, it is impossible to estimate the additional business we would have enjoyed had many invitations not been rejected due to our particular social restrictions. In 1959 our business was up 12.4% and last year we showed an overall increase of 4.7%. At the close of 1961 we will have enjoyed an increase of approximately 15% over 1960. To offset our loss in market created by the increasing number of regional and national organizations who are not restricting membership according to race, this Bureau has intensified to a large degree its sales efforts toward the remaining market. Without making a thorough and detailed study of this subject, it is estimated that we can no longer bid on 25% of all National Conventions and 10% of all Southern or Southeastern Conventions."

Atlanta Journal, June 23, 1961
Three Negro Jaycee delegates were registered at the Dinkler-Plaza Hotel, but left under pressure after one night. Wm. D. Johnson, Negro President of Pennsylvania Jaycees, said Atlanta and other Southern cities that have segregated eating and housing facilities will find it hard to attract national conventions in the future ...because "Negro membership is growing"...and "the power states in most national organizations are in the North and West where segregation is not practiced."

I hope this information will be of some help. There must be many mose organizations that have agreed not to meet in the South without newspaper publicity. It would require a rather thorough mail survey to accumulate a really significant list, especially if this included the membership of the organization.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Enclosure: New South, Sept. 1960

July 28, 1961

Mrs. George Dumbauld
Houston Council on Human Relations
2605 Fannin Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Dumbauld:

Our research department is compiling the most up-to-date information on the sit-in movement. Part of this will be confirming lists of cities in which lunch counter desegregation is reported to have taken place. We do not have press or personal corroboration for many of these cities, and I wonder if you can aid us by checking those of the following in Texas which you know to have been desegregated:

Corrected on original

Abilene
Amarillo
Brownsville
~~Lar[illegible]~~
San Angelo
Rosenburg
Bryan
Beaumont

Pasadena
Waco
Temple
Huntsville
Hurst
Richardson
Victoria
Port Arthur
McKinney

We already have information on Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Galveston, Houston, La Marque, San Antonio, and Texas City. The others constitute a rather lengthy list, I know, but we would appreciate whatever information you are able to secure. And of course if you have additional information on any places we may have missed, we would appreciate that also.

Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Dorothy Miller
Research

July 28, 1961

Mr. B. L. Robinson
Executive Secretary
Richmond Urban League
12 West Leigh Street
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Mr. Robinson:

Our research department is compiling up-to-date information on the sit-in movement. Part of this is to confirm lists of cities in which lunch counter desegregation is reported to have taken place. We do not have press or personal corroboration for many of these cities, and I wonder if you could aid us by finding out if this desegregation has taken place in Manassas, Staunton, Suffolk, and Warrenton, Virginia.

We already have information on a considerable number of cities: Arlington, Alexandria, Charlottesville, Falls Church, Fairfax County, Fredericksburg, Hampton, Harrisonburg, Newport News, Norfolk, Petersburg, Portsmouth, Richmond, Roanoke, and Williamsburg. However, if you know of any towns we may have missed, we would appreciate knowing about them also, in addition to the four specifically requested.

Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Dorothy Miller
Research

July 28, 1961

Miss Katherine Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Miss Jones:

Our research department is compiling the most up-to-date information on the sit-in movement. Part of this will be confirming lists of cities in which lunch counter desegregation is reported to have taken place. We do not have press or personal corroboration for many of these cities, and I wonder if you could aid us by finding out if this desegregation has taken place in Bristol, Kingsport, Johnson City, and Madison. We already have information on Chattanooga, Knoxville, Nashville, and Oak Ridge.

If you have additional information on cities or towns which are not included here, we would appreciate hearing about them also.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Dorothy Miller
Research

July 28, 1961

Mrs. James S. Crate
Chairman
Texas Council on Human Relations
8510 Ferris Street
Houston 35, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

Our research department is compiling the most up-to-date information on the sit-in movement. Part of this will be confirming lists of cities in which lunch counter desegregation is reported to have taken place. We do not have press or personal corroboration for many of these cities, and I wonder if you can aid us by checking those of the following in Texas which you know to have been desegregated:

Abilene
Amarillo
Brownsville
Laredo
San Angelo
Rosenburg
Beaumont

Pasadena
Waco
Temple
Huntsville
Hurst
Richardson
Victoria
Port Arthur
McKinney

We have already confirmed lunch counter desegregation in Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Galveston, Houston, La Marque, San Antonio, and Texas City. The others constitute a rather lengthy list, I know, but we would appreciate whatever information you are able to secure. And of course if you have additional information on any places we may have missed, we would appreciate this also.

Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Dorothy Miller
Research

July 28, 1961

Mr. Marion M. Taylor
Executive Secretary
Tulsa Urban League
107½ N. Greenwood Avenue
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Our research department is compiling the most up-to-date information on the sit-in movement. Part of this will be confirming lists of cities in which lunch counter desegregation is reported to have taken place. We do not have press or personal corroboration for many of these cities, and I wonder if you could aid us by checking those of the following in Oklahoma which you know to have been desegregated.

Ada
Durant
Enid
Miami
Shawnee
Tulsa
Bartlesville

We already have information on Oklahoma City.

This is a rather lengthy list, I know, but I hope it will not be too difficult for you to secure this information. Of course, if you know of any other towns which are not on this list, we would appreciate hearing about them also.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Dorothy Miller
Research

July 28, 1961

Mr. Harry S. Jones
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Jones:

Our research department is compiling the most up-to-date information on the sit-in movement. Part of this will be confirming lists of cities in which lunch counter desegregation is reported to have taken place. We do not have press or personal corroboration for many of these cities, and I wonder if you could aid us by checking your files to see whether lunch counters in four North Carolina towns -- Gastonia, New Bern, Goldsboro, and Kannapolis -- have been desegregated. We already have confirmation of the following: Asheville, Chapel Hill, Charlotte, Concord, Durham, Elizabeth City, Fayetteville, Greensboro, High Point, Salisbury, Raleigh, Winston-Salem, Wilmington, and Wilson.

Of course, if you have additional information on cities or towns in North Carolina which have not been included here, we would appreciate hearing about them also.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Dorothy Miller
Research

July 28, 1961

Mr. Furman L. Templeton
Executive Director
2404 Pennsylvania Avenue
Baltimore 17, Md.

Dear Mr. Templeton:

Our research department is compiling the most up-to-date information on the sit-in movement. Part of this will be confirming lists of cities in which lunch counter desegregation is reported to have taken place. We do not have press or personal corroboration for many of these cities, and I wonder if you could aid us by checking your files to see whether lunch counters in two Maryland towns -- Brooklyn Park and Salisbury -- have been desegregated. We already have information on Baltimore and Chevy Chase.

Of course, if you know of any other cities or towns in Maryland which I have not mentioned, we would appreciate hearing about them also.

Many thanks for your aid.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Dorothy Miller,
Research

July 28, 1961

Miss Sandra Cason
Students for A Democratic Society
112 East 19th Street
New York 3, N. Y.

Dear Miss Cason:

Paul Rilling has asked me to send you materials dealing with the question of voter registration, as requested in your letter of July 8. Several SRC publications are being sent to you under separate cover, along with newsclips which may be of interest. The 1959 Report of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is another source you may wish to consult (U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. - Part Two, Voting). To our knowledge, there have been no more recent reports of a comprehensive nature.

In regard to the specific questions you raise, I would suggest that you write Mr. Edward King, of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), 197½ Auburn Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia. It is my understanding that SNCC is thinking very much along the lines you are interested in, and currently has investigations underway. SNCC's first efforts in this area were last November; a call was issued for demonstrations and stand-ins at registration places and polls on election day, and in a number of Southern cities there were such activities, accompanied by sympathy demonstrations in many areas outside of the South. In Atlanta, the local student organization, The Committee on the Appeal for Human Rights, has been conducting a door-to-door campaign during the current summer to stimulate an increase in Negro voter registration. One of the clips we are sending you concerns NAACP registration efforts; unfortunately we have no information on the Highlander and SCLC programs.

I am sorry we are unable to provide you with further information.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson, Administrativ
secretary

Under Separate cover;

List of registered Negro voters in Southern states
"The Negro Voter in the South"
"The Negro and the Ballot in the South"
Newsclips: Negro Vote Gains Cited by NAACP, Const., 7/10/61
Negro Vote Surge Expected in South, Times, 6/26/61
Negroes Amass Power at Polls, Chat. Times, 9/18/60
U.S. Wins Round on Negro Vote, Times, 4/2/61

July 28, 1961

Mrs. George A. Eddy
5151 Polk Avenue
Alexandria, Virginia
c on day

Dear Mrs. Eddy:

Under separate cover we have forwarded you both the ten copies of the June *New South*, covered by your personal check for $2.00, and 75 copies of the same issue for use by the Alexandria Council. There is no charge for the 75 copies.

Mrs. Livingston has been added to the *New South* mailing list, and was yesterday mailed a copy of the June *New South*.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Services

MM:s

July 28, 1961

Mr. Burke Marshall
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Mr. Dunbar is on vacation, but thought you would be interested in the enclosed.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Timothy Miller
secretary to the Director

Enclosures

Boyd Turner envelope
being passed out in
Atl.

July 28, 1961

Mrs. Susie Holley
429 N.W. 16th Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Dear Mrs. Holley:

The South-wide workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned will be at Kresge Hall, Clark College, Atlanta, November 6 and 7. Not only are we extending an invitaaion to you to attend, but are asking you to participate in a round table discussion "rounding up" our problems in human relations, looking at them, thinking through ways to solve them.

I have heard you say in the Florida workshop that it is difficult to get Negro women to attend an interracial meeting -- many of us are not aware of this. Surely this is a problem to be faced.

There will be several people in the round table, and we are asking all of them to be here on Sunday, November 5th that we may meet each other and plan more fully what we will do on theaafternoon of the 6th.

We will make reservations for you, also,we are enclosing a mimeographed letter that gives you instructions about travel, etc. I would like to have you answer as soon as possible, and I hope your answer will be favorable.

Best wishes to you. I have enjoyed knowing you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/sm
Enclosure

July 28, 1961

Mrs. Wallis Shutt
955 Pecan Boulevard
Jackson 3, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Shutt:

One of the features of the workshop will be a round table discussion "rounding up" our problems in building better relations, facing them, thinking through ways to solve them. This is to ask you to be a member of this discussion group.

The round table discussion is an answer to the request of many who have asked that it be a part of our work, and this will preface the breaking up into small groups as we did last year.

We are asking all of you on the round table to be here on Sunday, November 5th that we may meet each other and plan more fully what we will do the next afternoon.

I know of the faked interview that came to you over the phone, but I have not seen the story that came from it in your church paper. I would like to have a copy.

Please let me hear from you if you can take this part in the program.

Sincerely,'

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/sm

July 28, 1961

Mrs. Maude Massey Rogers
109 McDaniel Avenue
Easley, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Rogers:

We are sending you, under separate cover, all the materials that you requested. In the case of the New South back issues, we are sending you those editions from 1951 through 1955 of which we had an adequate supply. There are some editions of which we only have two or three copies and these are very dearly needed by our research department.

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If you would like additional copies of the literature listed on the materials list, please let us know and we will be more than glad to send them free of charge.

Thank you for your sincere interest in the Southern Regional Council and your efforts in what we consider to be wonderful work.

Yours truly,

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Janet Feagans
Secty. to the Director of Information

Southern [illegible], Inc.
5 FORSYTH [illegible], GEORGIA

July 28, 1961

Mr. Aryeh Neier
Associate Editor
Current
905 Madison Avenue
New York 21, New York

Dear Mr. Neier:

Mr. Dunbar is out of town until August 7, but asked that I send you a copy of General Clay's speech and let you know that he will write you soon after he returns.

Sincerely,

Sarah Miller

Mrs. Timothy Miller
secretary to Leslie

Enclosure

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A Council to attain the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South

MEMORANDUM July 31, 1961

To: Members of the Executive Committee
From: Leslie W. Dunbar

John Wheeler and I attended on July 28 the meeting called by the Taconic Foundation. Also present in the conference room of the Foundation's New York offices were the following: Stephen Currier, Lloyd K. Garrison, Jane Lee Eddy of Taconic; Harold Fleming of the Potomac Institute; Justine Wise Polier, Field Foundation; Vernon Eagle, New World Foundation; Charles McDew and Marion Barry, Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee; Martin Luther King and Wyatt Walker, Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Roy Wilkins, NAACP; Thurgood Marshall and Robert Carter, NAACP Legal Defense Fund; Lester Granger and Whitney Young, National Urban League; Timothy Jenkins, National Student Association; James Farmer, CORE; Harris Wofford, White House; Burke Marshall, Department of Justice.

All stayed in attendance throughout the meeting, which convened at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 3:30 p.m., continuing through lunch. At precisely 2:11, for the first time, the idea of entrusting SRC with the central project role was mentioned and tentatively proposed. This was done by Martin Luther King. The concluding 84 minutes of the conference were quite full.

I believe there was complete agreement among all those present that voter registration is a matter of the highest, though not sole priority. There was also expressed willingness from all to increase markedly their present efforts in this field, and to work together in harness.

The several lawyers present were most helpful in elucidating both the firm limits and the serviceable scope of SRC tax exemption. At all points their explanations coincided with those of Joe Haas.

By the time the meeting ended, there was agreement from all that SRC was an acceptable coordinating agency and that to organize the project in this manner was preferable to the establishment of an ad hoc group. John Wheeler and I both sensed that this agreement was genuine.

Indeed, I was deeply impressed by the amiability and harmony of the gathering. May all this continue!

A second meeting of the same persons was called and agreed to for August 23. By August 14, each agency is to send to Taconic a statement outlining in brief and in rough (though in as much detail as possible) the resources which it is prepared to put into the drive, and the methods and objectives it would follow. Taconic will mimeograph these statements and circulate to all participants in advance of the August 23 meeting.

Neither Stephen Currier nor anyone else was at all specific about the sum of money which might be raised. I believe the impression was successfully established that the amount would be substantial but not grandiose.

I am sending this for your information, and shall report again after August 23. Let me end by thanking you, and I am sure John Wheeler would concur, for the real help which your discussion of this matter in the Executive Committee was to us. The consensus which came from you was, I believe, faithfully restated.

Best wishes.

July 31, 1961

Miss Gail Hansen
749 Carolina Avenue
Sunnyvale, California

Dear Miss Hansen:

We are sending you, under separate cover, the available literature that you requested. There is no charge for just one or two copies of these publications.

I am enclosing your request sheets in case you would like to use them again.

Yours truly,

Janet Feagans
Secretary to the Director of
Information

July 31, 1961

Mrs. C. A. Dupree
Executive Director
Negro Community Council, Inc.
3411 Nalle Street
Houston 4, Texas

Dear Mrs. Dupree:

It was good to hear from you and to know of the program and projects of the Negro Community Council in Houston.

We do not have any updated version of America's Tenth Man; however, under separate cover we are sending copies of some of our recent publications in which you may be interested. We will most assuredly place the Negro Community Council on our mailing list.

You ask about coordinated activity. We have no provisions in our set-up for official affiliation with any other organization, but this may not be what you have in mind by the term "coordinated activity." We are, however, always searching for opportunities to be of service to other organizations and we would be happy to work with you in any way that we can. This would simply involve your letting us know how and when we can help, and we would attempt to cooperate. We have been cooperating to some degree with the Houston Council on Human Relations, and helped them with a program workshop last year.

I plan to visit Houston this fall, and look forward to meeting you and perhaps others of your group at that time. We can then explore how we can be of assistance to each other.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm BLIND CC: Mrs. Dumbauld, HCHR

July 31, 1961

Mr. Herman Long
Department of Race Relations
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Herman:

Mr. Ocie Smith talked to me at the Fisk Institute about his desire to get our of Louisiana and into some interesting work in the area of human relations. He has since written. Would you send my your opinion of Mr. Smith and of the kind of work he would be best qualified to do. And why haven't you found him a job?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR:mm

July 31, 1961

Mr. Norman Jimerson
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1224, Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Jim:

I had planned to be in touch with you long before now, but it has been a busy summer. I wrote Bob Hughes following the Fisk meeting to ask if he would be willing to spend an early week in August helping to orient you in Alabama. Bob has not replied to the letter and I am unable to reach him by telephone. I can only assume that he is away from his last address, probably for a vacation period.

I shall be calling you this week and I hope that we will be in fairly close touch in the weeks to come. I know from experience that it is not easy to settle into a new home and become acclimated to a new position in this field. We are certainly ready to work with you in any way possible.

In assessing the Alabama Council and your future work, let me make the following random observations. The strength of the ACHR is the loyalty of its membership, the confidence of the Negro leadership in the state, and a fairly efficient organizational structure built up by Bob Hughes over the past six years. The weaknesses of the Council are in its small size, approximately 450, the fear of sympathetic white persons of any identification with an organization so clearly in opposition to the prevailing political leadership, the scattered and varying nature of the local groups, the difficulty of raising sufficient financial support in Alabama for such a cause.

The major contributions of the Council during the past six years have been the maintenance of communication between white and Negro citizens sharing the same general points of view. The ACHR has been virtually the only such channel of communication in the state of Alabama. The Council has also been of value in demonstrating support to Negro leadership of an interracial constituency and in occasionally dramatizing to the white people of Alabama and national public opinion that there is opposition from at least one group including white membership to the massive resisting posture of the state. The Council has been involved in crisis situations, offering its assistance to victims of intimidation. It has been invaluable as a channel for information and interpretation both to SRC and to the news media of the nation. The previous director of the Council was able to obtain a great deal of basic and inside information and also to stimulate some constructive activity by working not only with members of the Council but with other friends and contacts outside the Council who looked on the Council as a useful and valuable organization even if they did not think it wise to relate themselves formally to it.

I probably embroider the obvious to suggest that it would seem to me that your immediate task falls in three general categories; first, know your own organization and its leadership; second, inform yourself about the current situation in Alabama and probable next developments; third, be thinking of program activities in the fall and winter which will help to achieve the purposes of the Council.

Almost inevitably your first task will be to meet your own constituency. If I were in your shoes, I think I would look forward to visiting with each local or district group at its next meeting and,where this may not be possible, to meet the local leader or leaders of such groups in the next few weeks. I would also attempt, as I traveled about the state, to have individual conferences with each board member, both to establish liaison with them and to gain their thinking as to future activities. You need as quickly as possible to become personally related to the various local groups, so that they will keep in constant touch with you. In traveling about the state I would also urge that you make almost immediate and personal contact with the chief Negro leaders in the state. Their identity will not be difficult to learn. We would be happy to assist in this direction.

You need, of course, to know what the situation is generally in Alabama, both politically and in relation to racial tensions. You need to have specific information on points of particular tension and on areas of probable next developments. You need, of course, to be very familiar with the recent operation of the ACHR, its financial status, its organizational set-up, the nature of recent correspondence. Can you pick up the threads of Bob's work with interracial ministerial groups, student organizations, et cetera?

In terms of program planning, you need to be consulting with the local and district groups as to their plans in hopes that you can help them strengthen and delimit their programs for the coming year. I personally feel that it is not sufficient for a local group to exist and to meet occasionally, but that some study or action efforts should be in the mill. Is there anything that the state organization as a whole should be contemplating in the way of fact-finding or publication or state-wide workshops, et cetera? Are there current spots of particular crisis or tension, or spots where such crisis is likely to develop this fall? If so, is there any way that the Council or some of its local groups can be relevant to these areas?

Be quite careful about the security of your office and your records. Any correspondence or other material being discarded should be torn up in small pieces before being thrown into the waste basket. All correspondence and other data should be under lock and key each night when you leave the office.

I gather from your recent note that you have purchashed a home in Birmingham. This decision, then, has been made. I hope that you find satisfaction and fulfillment in your work and in your involvement in the affairs of your new community. We are extremely gratified that you are on the job and look forward to working with you in the months and years ahead.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

July 31, 1961

Mrs. Edward C. Stern
Administrative Assistant
American Jewish Committee
523 Fidelity Building
Dallas 2, Texas

Dear Mrs. Stern:

Thank you so much for your information concerning desegregation preparations in Dallas. We found this most helpful and it suggested several ideas that we have passed on to groups in New Orleans and Atlanta.

If possible, could you send to us several copies of the leaflets and posters that have been used in Dallas, and would it be possible for us to borrow or rent copies of the film DALLAS AT THE CROSSROADS?

We were particularly interested in the initiative that business leadership seems to be taking in Dallas. A considerable effort is underway in Atlanta, but business leadership is way in the background.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

August 1, 1961

Mr. Lloyd Davis
501 E. 32nd St., Apt. 1704
Chicago 16, Illinois

Dear Lloyd:

I agree with your evaluation of the critical importance of selecting the right men for NAIRO Regional Chairmen. I can only assume that you have not very thoroughly reviewed the work of the last two years of the current Chairman of the Southeast Region.

In view of the high standards you have set for the Regional Chairmen under your administration, I feel I must decline your invitation to join the team. I don't thinkk I could measure up.

In view of my extremely heavy schedule and my difficulties in getting to NAIRO meetings I believe I should step down. Two years is long enough. May I suggest Dick S~~c~~hapiro, of the regional ADL office here in Atlanta? As a former NAIRO intern, Dick would be a natural.

c. m. o

Let me emphasize that I still expect to deliver the NAIRO chapter in Atlanta and would be happy to work on a regional conference next year if such materializes under the leadership of our able new Regional Chairmen.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR:mm

August 1, 1961

Dr. S. S. Israelstam
Box 2036
Brown University
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Dr. Israelstam:

We have been unable to make reservations for you at Atlanta University. We have reserved a room for you at the Atlantan Hotel in downtown Atlanta. If you will take the airport limousine, the driver will direct you to this hotel. Please call or drop by at your convenience on the morning of the 11th, and we will go over plans for your visit at that time.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/sm

Reading File

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

August 1, 1961

Mr. Oscar Cohen
Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai B'Rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Oscar:

Thank you for sending us the draft of your projected publication on the consequences of school closing and violence in the South. We processed it as quickly as we could. I am enclosing comments from our new Research Director, Jim Moss, and the Research Staff.

We are also enclosing answers to a July 17th letter from Richard Shapiro asking for certain information.

My own reactions could be briefly summed up as follows:

(1) I believe that facts and experience have much more impact than opinion and speculation. For this reason, I would emphasize the material concerning what actually happened in Little Rock and Virginia during the period of school closing and in New Orleans and Alabama in the wake of rioting. I would cut down on mere statements of opinion as to what will or might happen. For instance, I see little value in including statements made in New Orleans nearly a year ago concerning what would happen if schools closed there, which they didn't.

(2) I think it is useful to pull together material which appeared in various periodicals, etc.. This study, however, contains much quoted material from other similar publications. I would cut down on this kind of material.

(3) Would it be useful to call the study a survey of the effects of racial disturbances? This, I believe, is what it is, and would give it more unity than its present appearance of treating two or three fairly separate topics.

(4) I would question the value of including a section on the cost of private schools, both because the subject has been treated elsewhere, and because it does not seem to me to fit well into the direction of the other sections. If you do include this section, I would suggest that you mention the apparent collapse of the effort to construct a private "cooperative" school in New Orleans. Schulman would have the story.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

Enclosures

Comments on Draft of Publication on Consequences of School Closing and Violence in the South (submitted by Jim Moss, SRC Research Director).

The pamphlet should justify why it is only dealing with one cost--mainly economic. It should take cognizance of the fact that there are other costs as well, e.g., psychological, political.

Secondly, economic costs of desegregation in addition to including these costs borne by the total community by disruption in the normal process of industry (attraction of new companies, dislocation of labor force, etc.) should also take into account the total withdrawal of economic purchasing on the part of the Negro community from economic activity. And, indeed, as in the case of Atlanta, the transfer of this financial resource to the areas outside the city.

Third, is in the organization of the materials presented. The pamphlet could be strengthened if the pamphlet dealt with the economic cost of opposition and not just simply the economic costs of school closing. In either event, the data presented ought to make some effort towards comparability between the communities involved (e.g., the first case dealt with Little Rock. The order of the development of the findings there starts with the change in the attraction of new plants to the city, attitudes of businessmen towards the school crisis, mobility of families affected by the school crisis, reactions of citiznes in different professions towards the school closing, and press comments.). It would seem to me that this same order should be represented in the case of New Orleans, Atlanta, and so on. One needs only to look at New Orleans to see that the structure is quite different than that of Little Rock.

Even though Alabama is treated with respect to the Freedom Rides, nothing is offered on the economic effect brought about bu the sit-ins.

On page 6, the last paragraph starting with "319 faculty members" and ending with top paragraph on page 7; this has no relevance to the aims of the pamphlet. The faculty members simply called for law and order. If this has economic implications, then these should be drawn out.

We are sending along a bibliography of some additional items which we hope will be of help. Included also is a thermafax of ~~a senate hearing of the situation in Nashville during the hearings,~~ and Norman Thomas' letter in the Wall Street Journal.

(a transcript of NBC's *White Paper* on the Nashville sit-ins, as read into the *Congressional Record* by Senator Proxmire
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Additional Comment from Research Staff - "Consequences" Manuscript

(Page 11 and elsewhere) The writer is not consistent in his reference to the newspapers: E.g., Atlanta Journal, Atlanta "Constitution," Atlanta Constitution.

(Page 10) James V. Carmichael was one of a group of "key leaders" who spoke at a state-wide press conference held at the State Capitol on March 16, 1961. This was not the Governor's Conference on Trade and Commerce, but more in the nature of a briefing session on the Conference held for the benefit of the Press. The quote from the newspaper was from the Atlanta Journal.

The Conference was held May 21-24, 1961.

(Page 30) Frantz - not Feantz - was one of the desegregated schools in New Orleans.

August 2, 1961

Mr. Norman Jimerson
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1224, Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Jim:

I finally talked with Bob Hughes by phone today. He had not answered my letter because he had hoped to work out some way of complying with our request that he spend a week with you in Alabama. He now reports that this is simply not possible. He will be sailing in early September and has, of course, much to do by way of preparation. He does say, however, that he will be coming to Alabama in late August or early September for a last visit to his parents in Gadsden. He feels quite sure that he can spend a day with you at that time. He will let you know when the date is fixed. I will try to come over on that occasion to sit in on part of your discussions and, primarily, to see Bob one more time.

Your $40.00 for the Fisk Institute is supposed to be reimbursed by the Alabama Council and I have a letter from Father Foley dated June 24 authorizing the expenditure. Write yourself a check and get it back.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR:mm

August 3, 1961

Mr. Stephen R. Currier
Taconic Foundation, Inc.
666 Fifth Avenue
New York 19, New York

Dear Stephen:

I did not have an opportunity during our recent meeting in New York to raise this concern with you. I did have a chance to discuss it briefly with Harold.

We have been working with several citizens' groups in New Orleans again this year in an attempt to assist their efforts to create a climate of peaceful acceptance of the next step in school desegregation this fall. Two weeks ago Paul Rilling and I spent several days in New Orleans with leaders of the Save Our Schools group, exploring program ideas and needed financial resources. I am enclosing a report summarizing their activities and outlining plans for this fall. The revised budget shown in the final page was drawn up at our request. I believe the revised figures represent an honest and reasonable working budget for the weeks preceeding the school opening this fall. We also feel that S.O.S. is an organization with demonstrated skills and effectiveness, and is the group most likely to follow through with a community-wide effort of preparation.

S.O.S. expects to be able to raise approximately $5,000 toward this budget from members and supporters in New Orleans. We have applied to the Stern Family Fund for further assistance and have received a grant of $4,750 to assist with the radio, TV, mail to businessmen and the reprints of the newspaper headlines and pictures of last year's events. The funds were made available to S.R.C. and will be expended only for specific education purposes as approved by me. The Sterns plan to use additional funds toward the same objective, working through other channels. Last year, both through foundation and personal giving, the Sterns expended a considerable amount of money and carried virtually the entire burden of attempting to awaken the city to reality.

We would like to suggest that the Taconic Foundation consider a similar grant to S.R.C. to assist in this critical situation in New Orleans. There is definite danger of additional disorder this fall. Every reasonable effort should be made to avoid a repetition of last year's tragic events. Perhaps you would consider a grant of around $3,000 to SRC. The funds would be carefully supervised to protect the tax exempt status of the Taconic Foundation and the Southern Regional Council. These additional funds would make possible the mailings to teachers, the educational television programs (which cannot be handled through public service time) and some of the on-going office expenses of the organization.

We might be able to help this situation a little bit ourselves through a "Special fund for educational projects" which is made available to us by the New World Foundation. We have discussed with Vernon Eagle the possible use of some of these funds in New Orleans and he has agreed that they might appropriately be used if an unforseen or special emergency develops. This is, however, a very small fund.

Let me know if you need any information in order to give consideration to this request.

Sincerely,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:mm
Enclosure

cc: Mr. Harold C. Fleming

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CONFIDENTIAL NOTE TO HAROLD FLEMING:

The Sterns spent somewhere in the neighborhood of $25,000 in New Orleans last year, of which around $16,000 was channeled through S.R.C. and the rest represented whole dollars. I know that they are prepared to expend more funds this year for a special effort to mobilize businessmen throughout the state and perhaps to support a new possible citizens' committee which the school board is attempting to organize.

August 3, 1961

Mr. Warren R. Cochrane
General Secretary
Hungry Club of YMCA
22 Butler Street, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Cochran:

I am pleased to accept your invitation to speak to the Hungrey Club on November 8. In line with the central theme, "The Changing South: The Re-defining of Human Relations," I would suggest as the topic for my talk: Redefining Citizenship in a Desegregated Society." If this title is not appropriate, I would welcome any other suggestions that you have.

I have noted the time instructions, and look forward to being with you at that time.

Very truly yours,

James A. Moss
Director of Research

JAM:A
(signed in Mr. Moss' absence)

August 3, 1961

Dean William Tate
University of Georgia
Athens, Georgia

Dear Dean Tate:

We are sending you, at the request of George McMillan, a copy of Racial Violence and Law Enforcement. We have also entered your subscription to our New South magazine for a year from this date, and are sending you a few back copies. We are very sorry to have misplaced your order.

Please let us know if there is any way in which we can be of help.

Sincerely,

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Janet Feagans
Secretary to the
Director of Information

August 3, 1961

Mr. Mathew Ahmann
21 West Superior Street
Chicago 10, Illinois

Dear Mr. Ahmann:

Mr. Dunbar is on vacation, but I thought I would answer the part of your letter requesting some of our publications.

We can send you 70 copies of L-Reports 16, 17, and 6. We no longer have L-Report 8 in stock. We can also send you 70 copies of Desegregation in the Baltimore Schools, and Action Patterns in School Desegregation. We have only 20 copies left of The Louisville Story and The Washington Story, all of which we will be glad to send to you.

The only charge to your fine organization would be just mailing costs.

Yours truly,

hs

Janet Feagans
Secretary to the
Director of Information.

P.S. This refers to the T.V. transcript.
We can send the 70 copies of
the Armchair Book on L'ville

August 3, 1961

Mrs. Louise Moses
Bureau of Applied Social Research
Columbia University
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Louise:

One of my rare notes to you indicating some changes in status and, I hope, some indication of my "growth in the profession:" The author of an article entitled, "Case Studies in the Changing Roles and Statuses of College Teachers," in a forthcoming issue of The Journal of Educational Research; co-author of the article, "Discrimination in Rental Housing," a study in resistance of landlords to non-white tenants written jointly with Norman A. Mercer, to be published in the December issue of Phylon; again co-author with Norman A. Mercer, "A Study of the Potential Supply of Negro Teachers for the Colleges of New York State," research conducted under a grant from the New York State Commission Against Discrimination; study director and author of the study, "Images of Schenectady," research conducted under a $10,000 grant from the research committee of G.T.S., Inc., in Schenectady; the Salzburg lecturer on "Races and Minorities in American Life," from August 14 to September 16, 1961.

On leave of absence from Union College to serve as Director of Research at the Southern Regional Council in Atlanta, Georgia, during the academic year 1961-62.

Hope all goes well with you and with the Bureaucrats. Also hope this coming year will be as productive for me as the year past--if not as hectic--or aren't you enjoying the society of the ulcers?

Very cordially,

JAM:A

James A. Moss
Director of Research

August 3, 1961

General Lucius D. Clay
Chairman of the Board
Continental Can Company, Inc.
100 East 42nd Street
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear General Clay:

Because of the pertinence of your remarks to the concerns of the Southern Regional Council, your talk before the Governor's Conference has been reproduced by the Council for distribution ot its mailing list.

I am pleased to enclose three copies of that report, with the suggestion that should you desire more copies, we will be glad to forward them to you.

Very truly yours,

James A. Moss
Director of Research

JAM:a
Enclosure: 3 - L-26

Re: SRC's employment survey in 4 cities

August 3, 1961

Dr. Art Gallaher, Jr.
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
University of Houston
Houston 4, Texas

Dear Art:

Thanks for your excellent first report. We are sharing some of your ideas with the other cities. The point is established, I think, that if we do no more than document what is already known, the study will be justified.

We are tentatively considering letters to a few of the larger U. S. corporations with operations in one or more of the four cities, requesting information regarding their recruitment and hiring policies in various parts of the country. If we get anything on this we will let you know.

Since I will be out of the office all of next week (August 4-13), Mrs. Albright will handle arrangements for visits to Houston and Miami. She will clear dates with you.

Cordially,

C. H. Parrish
SRC Consultant

P.S. A rough idea of the percentage of high school graduates who do not go to college may be had from the record of different individuals who requested transcripts be sent.

August 3, 1961

Anna C. Frank
Harold L. Oram, Inc.
8 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Miss Frank:

We are sending you two copies each of the requested reports on sit-in demonstrations.

We do not charge for one or two copies, therefore, I am RETURNING? forwarding your check for $4.00.

If we can be of any other service, please let us know.

Yours truly,

Enc.

Janet Feagans
Secretary to the
Director of Information

August 4, 1961

Professor Sol Tax
Department of Anthropology
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Professor Tax:

We would like very much to receive any materials you have on the June 13-20 conference held at the University, "The American Indian." We would be particularly interested in the final reports which came out of the conference.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Also sent: Miami & Chattanooga

August 4, 1961

Mr. Carl M. Holman and
Mr. Harold N. Arnold

Montez Albright

Employment study

The Houston group sent in its report on the questions dealing with available vocational training in the public schools on the attached form. We thought this same form might be helpful to you in making out your report and have, therefore, mimeographed it for you. A thermafax copy of the Houston report is also attached, for your information.

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL SYSTEM
Location & Length (in years) of courses:

COURSES	Austin	Bellaire	Davis	Lamar	Milby	Reagan	Sam Houston	Jones	Waltrip	San Jacinto	NEGRO	Washington	Wheatley	Yates
Air Condit. & Regrig. Mech.										3				
Automotive Mech	2	2			2	2	2		2	3			2	2
Beauty Oper. & Manicurist					2	2	2					2		
Commercial Cook.												2	2	2
Drafting										3				
Floriculture														2
Gen. Metal Work					2	2							2	
Dry Cleaning														2
Machine Shop										3				
Photography										3				
Printing, Letter Press & Offset										3				
Radio & TV						2			2	3				2
Tailoring													2*	
Trade Dress Making													2	2
Vocational Nursing										1			1	
Welding										3				
Bookkeeping	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½		1½		1½	1½	1½
Bookkeeping Machines										1				
Bus. Machines										1				
Office Pract.	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½		½		½	½	½
Shorthand	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2		2		2	2	2
Typing	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½		1½		1½	1½	1½
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*Evenings Only.

Source: Interviews &
Vocat. Train. Oppor. In Houston
Compiled by The Vocational Guidan
Service, 1961

August 4, 1961

Mr. Lester Kabacoff
Edgar Stern Family Fund
521 Royal Street
New Orleans, La.

Dear Kabby:

I hear that your efforts at a statewide business group are making significant progress. Good luck.

I hope that you will have a talk sometime soon with Andy Rogers, so that he can have the benefit of your thinking on the total situation and can be as informed on your work with businessmen as would be appropriate.

I hope to get to New Orleans for a couple of days sometime during the week of August 20th.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

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August 4, 1961

Mr. David Cohen
Chicago Commission on Human Relations
54 West Hubbard Street
Chicago 10, Illinois

Dear Dave:

In answer to Lloyd's letter of July 31, I have no strong reactions to the suggested regional regroupings. I am really only qualified to speak in terms of the three groups cutting into the South and they are not substantially changed. I would suggest that the Southern Region be designated as the Southeastern. I believe that North Carolina is now in the Southern Region and would be shifted to the Middle South in the new-plan. I would oppose this on the grounds that North Carolina is one of the few states in the Southern Region" with some NAIRO membership and potential, whereas the Middle South is already flushed with Washington, Nashville, etc.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

COPY

August 4, 1961

Public Affairs Press
419 New Jersey Avenue S. E.
Washington 3, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

We would like to receive a copy of Robert S. Browne, Race Relations in International Affairs, published by you in 1961. There is no price marked on the title page; will you please bill us for any charges.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

August 4, 1961

Dr. Stephen K. Bailey
416 Hillsboro Parkway
Syracuse, New York

Dear Steve:

Congratulations on your new appointment to the Maxwell Graduate School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. I seem to be about two jobs behind in keeping track of you. I was not familiar with your work with the Africa-Asia Public Service Fellowship Program.

For the last two years I have been here with the Southern Regional Council. In case you are not familiar with the Council, we are an interracial research and education organization working in the field of race relations.

Regards to your wife.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm
Enclosures

August 4, 1961

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I am enclosing the material that C. H. Parrish and Jim Moss drew up for the job status study. Concerning the state board workshops; both the Virginia and Georgia workshops followed the same general format, combining reporting by local councils with discussion on such matters as local council organization, relationship between state and local councils, fund raising, committee work, surveys and fact-finding, local forums and programs, et cetera. In Georgia the workshop was coordinated by John Hope with Kenneth Morland, Tilman Cothran of Atlanta University, and me helping with the leadership. In Virginia it was conducted by the state director. The SRC field director has generally been involved, with the use of one or two other resource persons from within the state. We generally have had very little in the way of formal speeches by outside experts, but rather guided and scheduled discussion of various topics with the resource persons present for questions and comments.

Concerning your request about legal matters, we are enclosing a brief chronology of principal cases on segregation (through October, 1959). However, the particular case you cite, Sarah Mae Flemming vs. South Carolina Electric and Gas Company, is not included. Supreme Court action in this case came in June, 1956, and, according to Greenberg's "Race Relations and American Law," "at this point, many bus companies throughout the South announced desegregation," Flemming, however, concerned the question of intrastate bus travel and, for various reasons, was not a definitive test. The ICC ruling in regard to interstate train and bus travel came earlier, November 7, 1955. Its application was to both travel and waiting rooms. It stated:

The disadvantages to a traveler who is assigned accommo-

> dations or facilities so designed as to imply his inherent inferiority soley because of his race must be regarded under present conditions as unreasonable. He is entitled to be free of annoyances which almost inevitably accompany segregation, even though the rail carriers sincerely try to provide both races with equally convenient and comfortable cars and waiting rooms.

You can see, from the enclosed chronology, how the ICC regulation meshes with various court decisions related to bus and rail transportation.

In regard to eating facilities in waiting rooms, as reported in The Freedom Ride, SRC Special Report:

> In 1958 Bruce Boynton, en route from Washington to Selma (Ala.), was refused service in the white section of the Trailways Bus terminal in Richmond; when he declined to leave he was arrested for trespass. Trailways did not own or control either the restaurant or the terminal. On Constitutional grounds, Mr. Boynton and his NAACP attorneys argued that the arrest was illegal. The Court entirely disregarded the Constitutional arguments, and ruled instead that under the Interstate Commerce Act segregation in terminals -- whether or not owned by the carrier -- violates a clause of the statute which forbids buses to "subject any particular person to any unjust discrimination or any unjust or unreasonable prejudice."

Jack Greenberg's"Race Relations and American Law" (Columbia U. Press) is an excellent source for more detailed information, through 1959.

Regarding court decisions invalidating school desegregation resistance measures, see the enclosed copy of Bruce Galphin's "U.S. Rulings Show Georgia Futility of State Statutes," from the Atlanta Constitution. What I said at Fisk was that the only alternative remaining for the avoidance of any desegregation was the closure of all public schools in a community. This has been done in Prince Edward County and is in the courts. If the NAACP is successful in the Prince Edward case, the courts will rule that all the public schools in a state must be closed if any are to close. I think this decision will be forthcoming. This same matter is in litigation in the St. Helena Parish, La., case, and here the federal government is contending that it would be unconstitutional for a state to close any or all of its schools to avoid desegregation. The outcome of this litigation is much more doubtful.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

August 4, 1961

Mr. David Scull
Turnpike Press
Allendale, Virginia

Dear Dave:

Thank you. They did resume my coverage, although without wild enthusiasm. I thought your letter was sufficiently clear, and I saw no need to send on more material.

Harold Fleming's address and phone number, in case you have not yet made contact with him, is 353 Shoreham Building, 15th and H Streets, Washington (Executive 3-3870); 4110 W. Leland Street, Chevy Chase, Md. (Oliver 2-5924) is the home address.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR:mm

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August 4, 1961

Mr. William K. Williams
Florida Council on Human Relations
4241 S.W. 109th Court
Miami 55, Florida

Dear Bill:

You probably saw this column from the Fort Lauderdale paper, which was sent to me by, of all people, my mother. Has it been or should it be answered?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director
Field Activities

PMR:mm
Enc.

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VIA AIR MAIL SPECIAL

August 4, 1961

Mr. Andy Rogers
Hal Ross Associates
International Trade Mart Building
New Orleans, La.

Dear Andy:

We suggest that you carry through with the personal interviews and that these be conducted with women volunteers, as we discussed. In such cases, the businessmen could be assured that they will not be quoted by name but would provide opinions which could be summarized or quoted anonymously. We really feel that this would be the most effective way of moving. I am enclosing exerpts from the survey carried out by the Women's Emergency Committee to Open Our Schools in Little Rock, which will indicate the kinds of things they developed with these methods.

If, as you suggested over the phone, some organization such as the Council of Jewish Women would undertake to do the survey, we would have to consider whose imprint would be carried on any report, theirs, yours, ours, or all three.

I think all that would be required to set the thing in motion would be the selection of personable, tactful, and capable interviewers, cautioning them against over-aggressiveness or the expression of opinion, and the need to draw out the interviewee informally in a face to face meeting should be emphasized. The kind of questions they would seek answers to would, obviously, be such things as was his business hurt by the tension and turbulence of last year? Does he feel that business suffered generally in the city? Does he feel that the city has gained a negative image? What did he think could be done this year? Would he urge public support of school board actions for law and order purposes? Is there anything in particular that he feels the mayor, police chief, school board, or civic leaders should do? What does he feel would be the impact of closed schools on the city? Where possible, specific facts as to how and to what degree their business has suffered should be sought. A few figures would be most helpful. There might be special emphasis on the tourist industry. Note that in the Little Rock study there was much emphasis on the pick-up in the moving business as people moved away from the city, and the decline in newcomer families.

As to the mail poll of New Orleans businessmen, we take a dim view of this and have found results of such efforts disappointing. Your judgment and that of your research expert might well be better than ours, however. If this procedure were coupled with the smaller number of interviews in depth, I think we could approve expenses of up to $250.00 for the total operation. I think we would not be interested in the mail effort alone.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

P.S. We think the headline piece is first rate. Could we have 25 copies?

PMR:mm
Enclosures
Appendix A - ~~B~~ Survey procedures
cc L-Report on L.R. Survey

August 7, 1961

Mr Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Center
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

Congratulations on the way you have things moving. I think Brewbaker can be used to considerable advantage in your situation.and hope you will continue to develop the possibilities.

To meet your requests for information, enclosed are copies of SRC members and a brief description of the Council. Also enclosed are copies of an editorial about Brewbaker from the Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch which should s serve your purpose in introducing him. Separately, we are sending several pamphlets which will serve further to describe the Council and provide information.

Thanks for the feedback on the L-Reports. It's good to know that all those mechanical processes, with which we get mightily involved, have a human factor.

Best.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/sm
Enclosures

School Deseg. 1st 6 yrs,
Racial Viol. & Law Enforc.,
Zollis
— sent separately

August 7, 1961

Mrs. Ethel Dumbauld
Executive Secretary
The Houston Council on Human Relations
3605 Fannin Street
Houston 4, Texas

Dear Mrs. Dumbauld:

I believe it would probably be a very excellent idea to organize a Southwest Inter-Agency Council. Actually, the group now functioning in this area is known as the Southern Inter-Agency Council and theoretically it covers the total South. In fact, however, it has tended to be primarily southeastern because it generally meets in Atlanta.

I can't really give you any materials on the way the group operates. We serve as secretariat and handle the notes and housekeeping arrangements. The group elects a chairman each year who is responsible for agenda planning and conduct of the meeting. We meet during the afternoon of one day and the morning of the next, often with a social function during the evening of the first day. A secretary is selected for each meeting and the minutes are circulated to participants. We meet four times a year and only representatives of regional agencies or of national agencies operating in the South are involved. Purposes of the meeting are informational and clearinghouse and brain storming.

My comment to Mrs. Dupree that I will be coming to Houston this fall was the expression of a hope and long range plan rather than a commitment. I would like to come at the time most convenient to you.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

August 7, 1961

Mr. Irwin Glatstein
Jewish Community Council
2020 Hermann Drive
Houston, Texas

Dear Irwin;

I have a letter from Jim Noland requesting $3,500 for the Houston Council next year. I don't think we can do it, but we could conceivably go a little higher than last year. Putting aside your role as professional consultant and steering committee member, would you give me your evaluation of the work of the group and to what extent more money would mean stronger program?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

August 7, 1961

Mrs. Jean Russell
824 Tusculum Boulevard
Greeneville, Tennessee

Dear Jean:

I have been delaying an answer to your letter of July 6 until my plans developed for a trip to Virginia. I am now caught up in the inevitable August rat race. I will be going to Virginia August 15th and 16th, but could not make a meeting in Washington that week unless it were the evening of the 16th or the day of the 17th, which you hardly have time to arrange. My next flexible schedule would be around the week of September 11.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

P.S. Art's address is 2401 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

August 7, 1961

Mr. John Yungblut
Friends Center
1384 Fairview Road
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear John:

I am holding the date of August 13 open for another student meeting at Quaker House. Be sure and let me know by Thursday whether or not the meeting will take place and your thoughts for agenda.

Where do we stand on our Mississippi conference for this fall?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

August 7, 1961

Mr. Nat Griswold
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

We finally found your quarterly report, which had been filed by mistake with some other papers. I was particularly interested in learning of the action of the ministerial association and also to learn that you were able to help with the sponsorship of a state student workshop.

You may have noticed that Harry Jones's newsletter reported that a group of white residents in Charlotte also objected to having a school re-classified "Negro," suggesting desegregation would be preferable. The Right Sell school incident that you note makes two.

I am still a little confused as to the function of the Committee for Community Unity as a movement. Did they ever find a president? I hope that the group has drawn on a different source of manpower than ACHR, so that this is not just proliferation.

Thank you for fielding the attack in the Arkansas Democrat.

I see that you had Bjorn Kumm in Little Rock. He has recently been here for some time. He arrived penniless and waiting for a check from overseas. He paid us back when it arrived and seemed to have a good experience here.

I note with interest your suggestions concerning improvement of your NAIRO meeting. We may try a regional meet in the Southeast next year.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

August 7, 1961

Mr. Harry Jones
Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 E. Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

I would apologize for being late in acknowledging your latest quarterly report, but I think I said that last time. We appreciated your analysis of the impact of the Freedom Rides here, and thought it accurate and useful.

You would be interested to know that Nat Griswold reports a development in Little Rock similar to the Harding High School situation in Charlotte. The school board in Little Rock has decided to transfer one of the junior high schools to an all-Negro institution and was met with the counter-proposal of desegregation if necessary to prevent such a move. I don't know yet how it will turn out, or has turned out by now.

It was good to see you at Fisk recently.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

August 7, 1961

Dictated August 2

Mrs. Frances Pauley
Executive Director
Georgia Council on Human Relations
41 Exchange Place, S.E., Room 309
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Frances:

I am finally getting around to acknowledging the latest batch of quarterly reports. We found yours most gratifying and indicative of new interests and vigor throughout the state. You would seem to be making good progress with one of the basic first essentials, namely that of establishing close liaison with the local groups and giving them a greater sense of identity with the state council and with you. I hope we can explore means by which we can make joint membership in the state and local groups more real. Am I correct in assuming that those extra members in Augusta and Macon should be, automatic members of the Georgia Council under the provisions of the state constitution?

Desegregation of lunch counters in Savannah was, of course, a major break-through which was widely noted in the area. I will be interested in learning some of the inside details from you.

I will be in Atlanta most of August. When you return from Savannah I hope we can get together for a long look at the total situation.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

August 7, 1961

Charles Walker
Cheyney, Pa.

Dear Mr. Walker:

Please send us one copy of your handbook, Organizing for Non-Violence; our 50¢ is enclosed. We noted this in the AFSC Focus, July 28, 1961 issue.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

August 7, 1961

Circulation Department
The Dallas News
Dallas, Texas

Dear Sirs:

We would like to subscribe to the Dallas News for three months, the subscription to begin with Sunday, August 6. Will you please bill us, and begin the subscription?

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

August 7, 1961

Miller's Book & Office Supply Co.
231 Peachtree St. N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sirs:

Please order for us, charge to our account and mail to us, the following books:

James Baldwin, Nobody Knows My Name; Dial Press, $4.50

Henry E. Garrett (edited by Dwight Ingle), Perspectives of Biology and Medicines, University of Chicago Press

Richard Gregg, Philosophy of Non-Violence or Power of Non-Violence (I don't remember which title is correct)

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

August 7, 1961

Mr. J. Wilkinson
Carleton College
Northfield
Minnesota

Dear Mr. Wilkinson:

We have made reservations for you at the Atlantan Hotel, August 10 to August 13. You can reach the Atlantan by taking a limousine bus or taxi from the airport. The former will cost $1.35, and the latter will cost $3.50.

We will expect you to call on Friday morning.

Yours truly,

Janet Feagans
Secretary to the
Director of Information

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August 7, 1961

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I am just getting around to acknowledging your recent quarterly reports. Yours was quite helpful, as usual. We were quite pleased to note the desegregation of the library in Florence, and will be happy to add it to our list. I am surprised as well as impressed that the South Carolina Student Council on Human Relations was able to organize on a somewhat permanent basis. I think that you and Libby Ledeen have pulled off a minor miracle on this effort. Congratulations on getting five students into the Encampment for Citizenship program.

Surely this was one of the busiest quarters you've had in some time.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR:mm

August 8, 1961

Mr. Harold L. Trigg
Department of Education
Livingstone College
Salisbury, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Trigg:

I was delighted to receive your letter of August 1. I regret that I am not one of the people at the Council who had an opportunity to work with you, but I assure you that others remember your services full well and I, of course, do know of and admire the work you did, not only with the Council, but in your other activities as well.

It will be a great pleasure to welcome you when you visit Atlanta, and I hope your stay will be a leisurely one. So far as I know, I shall be here throughout the early fall, except from September 19-23.

Incidentally, some time from now you will be receiving a more formal invitation to be present at the annual Board meeting November 8 - 9. At the last meeting of the Executive Committee, it was decided to invite former members of the Board to attend the non-business sessions, including lunch and dinner, of this year's meeting. The desire of the Executive Committee and of the staff is that the former members of the Board should be made to feel welcome and very much still a part of the work and concern of the Council. Unfortunately, we are not able to offer expenses, but we do hope that some of the former members will, one year or another, be able to be with us.

Many thanks for your good wishes.

Sincerely,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

August 8, 1961

Mr. Mat Wohl
146 West 76th Street
New York 23, New York

Dear Mr. Wohl:

Your letter of August 5 and enclosures are being shared with members of our staff. And, we will be happy to place this information in our active file of persons interested in working in human relations in the South. If an appropriate opening occurs within the Council or with other agencies in the region, we will let you know.

If at any time you are in Atlanta, I hope you will plan to stop by the office. Please call on us at any time that we might possibly be of help.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/sm

August 8, 1961

Mrs. Helen Hill Miller
Executive Secretary
Edgar Stern Family Fund
1299 National Press Building
Washington 4, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Miller:

Confirming our telephone conversation of July 27, we request that the Stern Family Fund make available to us the sum of $4,750 to support field activities, during the next two to three months, in New Orleans. Programs will be planned and carried out in cooperation with Save Our Schools, a committee of citizens in New Orleans working for orderly desegregation. The objectives of the programs, which we have fully discussed with you, are to contribute to that end.

In addition, it is requested that the Stern Family Fund accept for reimbursement the travel expense accounts of Mr. Paul Rilling, our Field Director, for trips to New Orleans in connection with this activity. Every effort will be made to hold travel expenses toaa modest amount.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

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August 8, 1961

Mrs. Katherine Hastings
Council of Community Forces
Auditorium
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Mrs. Hastings:

We have read with great interest the newspaper accounts in the Chattanooga Times of the analysis of 1960 U. S. Census figures for Hamilton County, and we we happy to note that the material in more depth and relating to specific areas is available to interested groups. Would you please send us a complete copy? If there is a charge, please bill us. Such a study will be valuable to us for our research files, which are used not only by the Council staff but by newspaper people, writers, researchers, etc.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

August 8, 1961

Mr. Heslip Lee
Executi~~ng~~ve Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
3-B Broad-Grace Arcade Building
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Happy:

Dan Bowers had agreed to do an analysis of the Prince Edward County situation as of now for purposes of New South publication. He had planned to get to it before he left VCHR. See what you can do about getting one cranked up, either by him or by collaboration between the two of you.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

August 8, 1961

Mr. Saul A. Silverman
1404 Sharon Road
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Saul:

Ben has sent me your letter of July 17, in which you told about your personal plans and prospects.

There is not a darn thing I know of just now, but why don't you get a vitae in to us to have on file in case we hear of something?

Sincerely,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

August 8, 1961

Mr. L. W. Pearson
Keysville
Virginia

Dear Mr. Pearson:

For some time I have meant to write and thank you for your interest in the Council and the interesting material you share with us. We are most grateful for this as well as for your valuable contributions to the field of human relations. Please call on us at any time that we might possibly be of service.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

Pa/sm

August 8, 1961

Mr. Bill Jeanes
Office for Field Survey
Room 1133
United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Mr. Jeanes:

Regrettably, since I wrote you on June 15, we have exhausted our supply of the 1950 population distribution maps. Since the map was to be replaced in about six weeks with our 1960 map, we have been rather free in distributing them, particularly to summer workshop gropps and the like.

When the 1960 map is available, we shall let you know and be happy to forward a number of them if you have need for them then.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/sm

August 8, 1961

The Rev. Norman Shands
West End Baptist Church
1040 Gordon Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Norman:

In your absence, Leon Smith and I thought it would be well to have a meeting of the Steering Committee before the full Religious Committee of OASIS meets next Monday. We set this meeting for Wednesday, August 9, at 2:00 at the Lutheran Church and, as of now, the meeting will take place even though the attendance is scheduled to be rather small. Leon himself is out of town this week, but felt strongly that he would like the Steering Committee to look over several recommendations of the Resources group. I checked with Nat Long, who indicated that he would not be in town at that time, but that it would be quite in order with him if the meeting were to take place.

We were particularly eager that the following matters might be considered: (1) Do we need a third mailing to all area clergymen, which would contain another push on the Day of Prayer and perhaps include some specific sermon suggestions, appropriate Scriptural references, and perhaps even an insert which might be available for church bulletins. (2) How can we attain maximum cooperation with the Day of Prayer week-end? (a) Can we arrange with the Council of Churches and other groups to include some emphasis on this matter in special radio devotions, etc.. (b) How can we solicit cooperation so that this concern may be noted in radio and television sermons that week-end? (c) Would it be wise to request cooperation from television stations to enable a panel of clergymen to discuss the matter on or slightly before that week-end? (d) How shall we handle advance publicity? (3) Should we attempt to contact ministers and rabbis by telephone in addition to the mail appeal to solicit cooperation? Can this be done through denominational channels?

(a) Can this same purpose be achieved by asking the United Churchwomen to phone key women in each church, who might then offer cooperation to the clergymen for this important week-end? And (4), are there any other matters that the Religious Committee should consider at what may be its last meeting August 14?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

August 8, 1961

Miss Oscela A. Dawson
West Kentucky Vocational School
1400 Thompson Avenue
Paducah, Kentucky

Dear Miss Dawson:

Thanks so much for letting us see your article, "The Greatest Peace Corps of Our Times." It is certainly very interesting, with ideas and viewpoints which we share, but I do not quite see how we can fit it in the New South in the next few months. It is rather long for us for one thing, and is really more of an editorial than a story. At any rate, it is more of an editorial than we use at such length.

I enjoyed it anyway.

Sincerely,

ML/jf
Enc.

Margaret Long
Director of Information

August 8, 1961

Miss Priscilla Eichholtz
4323 Summit Avenue
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Miss Eichholtz:

We are sending you, under separate cover, several of our publications including our report on Freedom Rides. Here, also, is our list of publications where you may find something else you would like to see.

Sincerely,

ML/jf
Enclosure

Margaret Long
Director of Information

August 8, 1961

Mr. Galen Martin
Commission on Human Rights
168 Capitol Annex Building
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Martin:

I am answering your letter to John Constable because John has left Southern Regional Council, and I am taking his place.

Of course, we will be delighted to mail these publications to your friends, complimentery.

It's good your conference was such a success.

Sincerely,

ML/jf

Margaret Long
Director of Information

August 8, 1961

Miss Josephine Wilkins
% Warm Mineral Springs Inn
Venice, Florida

Dear Josephine:

The bread has arrived in good shape and is delicious. Have shared it with some of the people here and they too are enthusiastic. Will get from you the address of the woman who made it, since I think we will want to place an order for more. Thanks very much.

The Garrett book has been ordered from the University of Chicago press for the research library. When it arrives, I will send it for your inspection. There has been a disturbing increase in this type of "serious" scholarship and we are trying to collect as much of it as possible.

Am leaving Friday (hopefully) for two weeks in New England. Will be in New York on the evening of Friday, August 25 with several friends. If by any chance you will be there at that time would love to get together for dinner -- sans taxicabs! Will be in touch with the office so any messages left here will reach me.

Hope your prolonged stay in Florida does not mean complications.

Again, thanks for the bread. It's so wholesome!

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/sm

August 9, 1961

Mr. James E. Perkins
Pikesville Box 5744
Baltimore 8, Maryland

Dear Mr. Perkins:

I was very glad to see your article and certainly agree with you about the American Negro's purpose.

It seems to me to be perhaps more of an editorial than an article and too long for the New South.

Thank you for letting me see it anyway.

Sincerely,

ML/jf
Enclosure

Margaret Long
Director of Information

August 9, 1961

Mr. Carl E. DeVane, Chairman
Department of Social Sciences
Box 88
Shaw University
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. DeVane:

Thanks so much for the fresh and interesting story by Dr. Gullette. I am keeping it with tentative plans to use some of it in the New South sometime soon. It was very nice of you to send it to me.

Sincerely,

ML/jf

Margaret Long
Director of Information

August 9, 1961

Mr. Herbert Jenkins, Chief
City of Atlanta Police Department
125 Decatur Street, S.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Herbert,

You may already know about the American Nazi Party who may furnish you with their attention next month. In case you have not heard about these possible plans, I am sending you a copy of Mr. Kilpatrick's letter.

I wish you luck with the "Commander" if he calls.

Sincerely,

Margaret Long
Director of Information

ML/jf
Enclosure

August 9, 1961

Mr. Norman Kilpatrick
1201 East Second Street
Greenville, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Kilpatrick:

Thanks so much for your tip of the Georgia plans of the "Commander." I am sending it on to our police chief, Herbert Jenkins.

Gratefully,

ML/jf

Margaret Long
Director of Information

August 9, 1961

Mr. Ed. B. Martin
485 Pinecrest Drive
Athens, Georgia

Dear Mr. Martin:

I am answering your letter to John Constable who has left the Southern Regional Council.

It is good to get your letter and know about your interest in the Emory situation and plans to do something in Athens. I am turning your letter over to Paul Rilling, Director of Field Activities, who will doubtless have some suggestions for action in Athens. I'll also send a copy to Mrs. Frances Pauley, Executive Director of the Georgia Council on Human Relations, who will certainly be very glad to hear about you and tell you about Athens people you would like to meet. Perhaps you already know Miss Josephine Wilkins, one of our very best board members who lives in Athens. Miss Wilkins travels alot for us, but when she is home her address is: 387 Milledge Ave., Athens. I know Josephine will be very glad to see you, and Frances can tell you more about Athens people than I can.

We don't really have a "membership"; we are a board of eighty Southerners and work with members of local councils on human relations.

It is good to hear from an Emory alumnus interested in the desegregation of that stately institution. We feel--or I feel anyway--that the tax situation is no longer a threat for Emory and that it was never so real a danger as the trustees would have it. Surely, there is nothing to worry about with state institutions now desegregated.

We certainly agree with you that Bishop Smith has brought a fresh, new force and freedom to Georgia Methodism. Thanks so much for your compliments on New South and our work in the South. It is good to know about you, and we hope to hear from you again soon.

Sincerely,

ML/jf

Margaret Long
Director of Information

August 9, 1961

Mr. John Yungblut
Quaker House
1384 Fairview Road, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear John:

The enclosed memorandum, written by Paul Rilling, might provide a basis for our next discussion.

Sincerely,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm
Enclosure

August 9, 1961

Mr. Leland DeVinney
Associate Director
The Rockefeller Foundation
111 West 50th Street
New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. DeVinney:

I shall be very happy to come to a luncheon at the Foundation on Thursday, September 21.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

August 9, 1961

Mr. Francis Pickens Miller
Special Assistant
Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Miller:

It was very good of you to write. Your wife not long ago answered my anxious query with the reassuring statement that you were continuing legal residence in Virginia. Whether or not you feel that you have been "deadwood," I think there is no doubt that we have a different opinion. The work you did in Virginia these last few years was a magnificent contribution to the goals of the Council.

Let me turn your offer around and say that if the staff of the Council can be of any assistance to your new office, please be quick to let me know.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

August 9, 1961

Mr. Vukan Kuic
Bureau of Public Administration
University of Alabama
University, Alabama

Dear Vukan:

Thank you for the reprint of your article, "Theory and Practice of the American Presidency." I remember very pleasurably the occasion when we shared a platform, and I have several times wondered what you were doing about publishing your paper. I am very glad to see it in print and by virtue of the revisions, to see that you continue to think of these problems; though I really don't think your paper needed to be improved.

Please give my regards to Walter Bennett.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

August 9, 1961

Dr. Robert Coles
520 Beacon Street
Boston 15, Massachusetts

Dear Bob:

I understand Paul called you and told you the New World Foundation had approved the grant. Congratulations. Let me know when you will be arriving and what we can do toward helping you settle in.

Vernon Eagle concluded his letter by saying, "Please let me know when you will want the check sent to you." Please let me know.

I am awfully glad that it worked out. I am sure there are other reasons for feeling so, but principally at the moment I am just pleased that you will be in Atlanta next year. You wrote a good article in the Atlantic Monthly.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

August 9, 1961

The Rev. C. Herbert Oliver
Inter-Citizens Committee
P. O. Box 1443
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Oliver:

I was glad to hear that there are prospects for assistance to Theotis Crymes. I hope they have materialized.

We have not been able to be of any help, I regret to say, on your budget though we shall try again if there seems to be an opportunity.

One thing we can and will offer is help with your mimeographing. Perhaps this would not be practical, but if it is, we are prepared to do mimeographing for you whenever our facilities permit. This would include cutting the stencils and reproducing. Let me know if this would be an advantage to you.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

August 9, 1961

Mr. Mathew Ahmann
National Catholic Conference for
Interracial Justice
21 West Superior Street
Chicago 10, Illinois

Dear Matt:

I am glad that your letter of July 28 was handled in my absence. I believe the various things which we said we would send are going off today. Unfortunately, however, I think I had better rescind the one statement made by Miss Feagans regarding The Louisville Story and The Washington Story. As she said, we have only a handful of copies and we probably ought not to exhaust our stock, especially since we don't have the quantity you need anyhow.

I am not sure I know The St. Louis Story. There is a film available from the ADL about St. Louis, titled, "A City Decides." The Miracle of Social Adjustment and the Addendum, both by Carl Hansen, are first rate. Indeed, I regard them as two of the basic materials on the school desegregation question. Bill Foster's article in the Saturday Review is, in my opinion, the best piece written on its particular subject. So far as I know, it has not been reprinted by anyone. We did buy a few copies of the magazine and have been using them to fill information requests. Perhaps you can still get them. The price was 15¢ apiece for the 100 copies.

Paul Rilling and I are both interested to hear about Henry Cabirac's appointment as Southern Field Representative. Where will his office be?

I think it it is clear now that I shall not be able to attend the Detroit meeting. I am sorry because it was something I had looked forward to. You will have Ben Muse there, however, and that is good representation.

Sincerely,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

August 9, 1961

Dean William Tate
University of Georgia
Athens, Georgia

Dear Dean Tate:

I hope that your troubles with your New South subscription are permanently ended; I am very sorry.

We are pleased that George McMillan was able to see you. McMillan's pamphlet, which he did for us last year on law enforcement, proved to be such a success that we asked him to undertake this assignment. Just as the law enforcement pamphlet was accepted by a number of police departments, including those in Savannah and Atlanta, as a succinct, readable description of typical police problems and good methods, so we hope his piece on Athens will be similarly accepted for its elucidation of the problems of college desegregation.

Many thanks again for your cooperation -- and your patience.

Sincerely,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

August 9, 1961

Mr. David Freeman
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

Dear Dave:

I understand you have been talked to by Stephen Currier or someone regarding the possible combined voting drive. There is another meeting scheduled for August 23 in New York (I believe). If you are around, I would very much like to talk to you about this for a few minutes before going into the meeting. Tentatively, I have planned to come up on the dinner flight August 22, as the meeting is scheduled to begin around 10:00 a. m. the next morning. This would probably exclude anything but a breakfast with you, and I hesitate to suggest that. I could get a flight into New York some time Tuesday afternoon.

Sincerely,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm
Enclosure - LWD ltr to EXEC. COM on voting meeting

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August 9, 1961

Mr. David Freeman
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. Freeman:

We acknowledge with deep gratitude the Fund's check for $40,000, which is the full and final payment under the grant of the Southern Leadership Project.

I think I do not need to state again either our sincere appreciation to the Rockefeller Brothers Fund for making this project possible, or our belief that this has been a highly successful undertaking.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm
Enclosure - official receipt

B2 - Ben [illegible].

All corrections
made on original

August 9, 1961

Miss Patricia Stephens
c/o CORE
38 Park Row
New York 38, N.Y.

Dear Pat:

I am sending this to you in care of CORE with hopes that somebody in that madhouse up there will forward it on to you; I don't have your address and besides, I heard you got married. If so, many, many congratulations!

I've been working down here for the SRC since June in the Research Dept. and it turns out that I'm working on the sit-in file, of all things! We hope to put out a factual history on the movement from the time it began, and I've been taking notes from newspaper clippings in all cities and states where sit-ins took place. But I am somewhat confused with the Tallahassee clips and I'm sure you can help me, if you will, because it seems that you were in the middle of every demonstrationsthat ever took place in that town!

My information is as follows: the first sit-in took place on 2/14/60 (you and Priscilla were in on this one, right?); the second happened on 2/20/60, and the third on 3/12/61. Now, in these three sit-ins, a total of 46 students were arrested. Eight served 60 days and refused to pay bail. The rest paid their fines and, I presume, appealed. The appeals went to the Supreme Court which transferred them back to the Leon Circuit Court for "proper jurisdiction." My last reference to this legal business is that the Circuit Court had upheld the convictions of 13 students. So... I am left wondering what the status of the appeals and what the current situation is. Also, I have press mention that you and another student were convicted on 3/31/61 for engaging in disorderly conduct during a sit-in, fined $500 each and told that if the fines were not paid, you would both have to serve an additional 60-day term. What happened with that? Did you pay the fine or appeal?

I'd certainly appreciate any help on this that you can send me because you know how sketchy newspaper reports are. I notice that only 13 students are mentioned in the appeal cases; what happened to the other 25?

Please give my fondest regards to Priscilla, wherever she is. Have you both graduated? Are you working? I'd love to hear from both of you, and if you ever come through Atlanta, please call right away.

Best regards, D. M.

August 9, 1961

Mr. Kenneth Morland
Randolph-Macon Woman's College
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Morland:

Information on desegregation of swimming pools in Southern cities, compiled by our Research Department from press reports, is enclosed herewith. We hope it will prove to be useful in Lynchburg.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Services

MM:s

August 9, 1961

Mrs. Betty Wisdom
413 Hillary Street
New Orleans, La.

Dear Betty:

We very much appreciated your story about the girl in Frantz school. We agree that this kind of thing should be more widly known. Do you suppose it would be all right if we printed the basic facts of the incident? In fact, if we used it as a little human interest story in New South magazine, would you like your name to go on it?

I am writing to some people in New Orleans asking their opinion of what SRC should be doing concerning interracial communications. You will get a copy, of course. This is not the way I would prefer to move, but it will enable me to get several reactions quickly, I hope. I am not writing to the full list of those we consider potential at this time. I agree with you that if such a committee does get underway it should, at least for some time to come, be a fairly quiet exchange channel.

Thank you for the continued information on Tulane. I await with interest the next installment of this fantastic melodrama.

What is the latest on the school board committee? If there are, after all, to be no businessmen on it, will Mary be acceptable to the remaining members? Can the committee actually achieve anything of value without business representation?

HOPE does not have any films available on the Atlanta situation. Unfortunately, we can't find any tapes or films of Leander Perez' speech to the Atlanta GUTS group. We will continue to lock.

I have followed with interest, of course, the wild exchange between Wagner and the school board. Are the additional schools revealed by Riecke as you had hoped? Would there be any possibility of mounting a telephone campaign to parents of children presently in these schools to gain support against boycott efforts? This would take manpower, but would seem to me well worth consideration.

You raise the question of the reclassification of Frantz or McDonogh 19 as Negro schools. Rittiner said to us on my last trip, by the way, that he felt both schools would open desegregated and that there was a possibility that McDonogh 19 might be turned into a Negro school if it continued to be attended only by Negro students. He did not anticipate a reclassification of Frantz. As far as the legal aspects are concerned, the school board could not classify one of these schools as "Negro" under the federal court order. What they conceivably might do is to transfer students from school to school in such a way that only Negroes would be assigned to Frantz. The Negro children presently assigned to these schools would not technically suffer any compromise of their legal rights. Their application was not to attend a "desegregated" school but to attend these schools. They would continue to do so. Something of this sort occurred at the first school desegregated in Miami, although desegregation in this instance was voluntary rather than by court order. Of course, such action could be avoided by the courts if it could be proven that the assignments were actually on the basis of race.

It might be a good idea for Gene Usdin to serve on your board. I am enclosing another of the brief summaries of OASIS. I don't have time to do a more comprehensive one now. I will try to do so next week. I hope to get to New Orleans sometime during the week of August 20th, either at the beginning or end of that week.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm
Enclosure

P.S.: I like doughnuts. Haven't yet had a chance to try the recipe, but will report to you when I come.

August 9, 1961

Mr. Saxton Bradford
Director
Bureau of Educational and Cultural
  Affairs
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bradford:

You were very kind to write as you did on August 2. I think all of us here in Atlanta have a sharp and abiding regret over what happened to President's Ibalico's camera. I am glad that what could be done, we were able to do.

We shall be very glad to be of assistance to your office at any time.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

August 9, 1961

Mr. Robert W. John
2711 Augusta Drive
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Robert:

We spent last week with Curt and Elaine at Kitty Hawk and they gave me your name and address, this being something I have long intended to ask for. Since I heard you were teaching in the South, I wanted quickly to drop you a note. Come to see us if ever you are in Atlanta.

Curt told me of some of your thoughts and concerns about Negro colleges, and I have not resisted the temptation to send you a copy of a speech I once made. Also, two or three of our things which might interest you.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm
Enclosures

L-13, 16, 17, 23; School deseg. 1st 6 yrs.

August 9, 1961

Mr. Aryeh Neier
Associate Editor
Current
905 Madison Avenue
New York 21, New York

Dear Mr. Neier:

Mrs. Miller sent you a copy of the Clay speech. I have no objections to your offering it to your Readers Service, but for whatever it may mean to you, I think I had better tell you that we reproduced it without the General's permission. There is really no necessity on us to ask for permission to reproduce speeches given in public places and widely written up in the newspapers. It has, however, been our practice to secure permission, and we wrote to the General asking for it. As a result, we apparently got investigated by the local office of Continental Can, and after many weeks received a terse reply from General Clay which was to the effect that as he had given the speech before the Governor's Conference, he thought he no longer had the privilege of giving the manuscript to others for distribution. The implication was that we should get permission from Governor Vandiver, which we are not about to try. I honestly thought we had satisfied all requirements of courtesy, and we went ahead and reproduced it, sending copies to the General. If you want to use it, you are free to do so, but I thought you would want to have this background.

I greatly enjoyed meeting you, Messrs. Pratt and Norman when I was in New York. Please give them my regards.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

August 9, 1961

Subscription Department
The Urbanite Publishing Company
147 East 50th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Sirs:

We have read with great interest your April, 1961, Volume I, Number 2, The Urbanite. Our check is enclosed for a one year subscription, to begin with the current issue. We would also like to have all other back issues, which we assume would be as follows: March, May, June, July, and August. Will you please send, and bill us for the charges?

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Enclosure: check for $3.50

August 9, 1961

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Thanks so much for the address which I think was beautifully put. May I keep it a couple of months to pass it around here and mull over as a New South piece? It seems to me to be very handsomely written, but I may be bemused by so many elegant Woodward and Faulkner quotes.

I hope you will be popping in to see us soon.

Yours,

ML/jf

Margaret Long
Director of Information

August 9, 1961

Lewis W. Fowler, Jr.
Assistant Pastor
5134 Paris Avenue
New Orleans 22, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Fowler:

Here is our publications list from which we hope you will select pamphlets you would like to have. I am enclosing This I Believe, which I think you will like. We will be glad to send everything else here that interests you, without charge for any single copies.

We are delighted to have you as a subscriber to New South. The next issue is out late this month.

Sincerely,

ML/jf
Enclosures (2)

Margaret Long
Director of Information

August 9, 1961

Mr. Richard Perle, Director
California Debate Research Bureau
P. O. Box 36394
Los Angeles 36, California

Dear Mr. Perle:

We are sending you our pamphlets which include some discussion of education. We will be very glad to be list in your publication, "The Government and the Schools."

We are sending you, under separate cover, copies of these publications. In this case there is no charge.

Thanks so much for listing us; we are glad to have this circulation.

Sincerely,

ML/jf

Margaret Long
Director of Information

August 9, 1961

Mr. Lester Kabacoff
Edgar Stern Family Fund
521 Royal Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Kabby:

You will be interested to know that the business community of Atlanta responded well to the Dallas report. The film used in Dallas has been shown to major business leaders here and was well received. It will be shown to the Chamber of Commerce today and introduced by the mayor. It will probably be shown on TV, with Chamber sponsorship. Stimulated by the Dallas example, business leaders here are finally considering a full page law and order ad in connection with the school opening.

I have written for the Dallas material. Should you find immediate value in using the Dallas films and materials, they were handled by the Sam Bloom Advertising Agency, 512 S. Akard Street, Dallas.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

cc: Mr. Andy Rogers

August 9, 1961

Mr. J. Parham
Editor
Macon News
Macon, Georgia

Dear Joe,

All of us here at the Council were pleasently set up over the plug we got in your recent editorial. Of course, we are always delighted to see somebody cope with the Citizens Council so briskly and were especially gratified that your piece on the Chatham Council was occasion to speak well of the Southern Regional Council.

Our revolution seems to be going well and peaceably in Macon, and, of course, I give the News alot of credit for that.

I hope all is well with you, Wendell and the boys. My love to George.

Yours,

ML/jf

Margaret Long
Director of Information

August 10, 1961

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Across the street as I write pickets are walking by the Journal-Constitution building, carrying signs which read, "Red Ralph Speaks for Moscow, Not For White America," and "Atlanta Newspapers, Inc. Aids Communism." They are distributing a newspaper, The White American (Issue Number 1) and the front page streamer is

Kill Whites Negroes Told
Train Behind Iron Curtain
Jewish Fiend in Charge

With all this in my view, you will understand, I am sure, that it is hard for me not to see our differences regarding the Freedom Ride report as even less wide than they in fact are.

Receipt today of your letter of August 8 prompts me to answer without further wait yours of June 16. I have not delayed a reply to that because of either indifference or disapproval. As I read and re-read the letter, and as I read your later one, I gathered that your chief concern is that the Report will damage our relations with our friends. I did not think that would be the case. Rather obviously, however, neither you nor I could be sure. I thought I had better postpone, therefore, a reply to you until the evidence was in, or at least an unmistakable trend of it.

Let me say at once that the evidence is not as conclusive as I would like, but I am naturally cautious in evaluating evidence. I think, however, there is a trend, and it is this: with some of our allies, the Report was received with quiet gratification. With newer agencies, and you and I are both especially concerned on this point, the Report was not welcome. However, --and that is a very emphatic "however" -- there is no resentment that we have encountered nor any dimunition of respect. Paul Rilling and I, both in New York and in the South, have gone to special pains to discuss the Report with persons who might have inferred some criticism of them or their organizations from it. Of course they have regret that we did not support the Ride unreservedly. But I have found--and I hope this will be your experience too--that we are respected for having spoken honestly. John Wheeler and I recently participated in a day long conference on the voting question with CORE, SCLC, and student leaders; I think there was an awareness on all sides that SRC had differed on the Ride, but a concession also of our right to have differed, and confidence in our comradeship.

I remember your statement at Little Rock that you agreed fully with the analysis in the Report, except that you would not have issued it. Your letter of June 16 indicates a similar appraisal. You do, however, mention several points of partial disagreement, and I would like to comment on them.

As a principle, I agree that seeking a right for others is more commendable than seeking it for one's self. The statement in the Report ("Many of the participants do not themselves apparently need or intend to use the services demanded.") was made purely as an observation of fact, and the only use made of it in the interpretation that follows was in regard to the question of whether the Ride would succeed, as the sit-ins did, in "opening the eyes of whites." I think that this also involves a question of fact.

The reference to non-local planning is in the same context. I do not "look askance" at this fact; we simply reported it.

The question of the Yale professor. In the first place, I have learned, from you among others, to use whatever needles there may be lying around and Yale University is a juicy target; Will Campbell, incidentally, tells me that the little dig reached home and hurt. Secondly, in reference to one of your points, a professor has certainly as much control over appointing practices at his institution as over bus terminals 1,000 miles away. Thirdly, I don't clearly see the case of Harry Ashmore is comparable.

You say, finally, "I am not prepared to pit my judgment against theirs (the riders)." I believe that one of SRC's central and most valuable functions is that of interpretation. We could not have resisted longer than we did the pressures on us to issue an analysis and interpretation. This is expected of us; if we don't do it, we really give up ground we have won. To give you some idea of the pressure, three reporters--from two national and one Atlanta press--sat in our office all afternoon the day the Report came off the mimeograph, reading a page at a time. We had to say something, and I think our responsibility and role is to say it honestly and according to our best lights.

Schism is always to be avoided, and we in the civil rights campaign have been and are remarkably free of it. The case was and is, that if you speak at all on the Freedom Ride you take a step or so toward a side, because there are sides. I am sure you have not overlooked, for example, various public comments by Roy Wilkins and Bishop Spottswood.

As for Mr. Shad Polier, I have no intention--although I am open to persuasion--to recognize his comment by a reply to him. Mr. Polier assumes a pontifical role, impartially pointing out the error of SRC, the Riders themselves, and Judge Mize. We and the Riders "disappoint" Mr. Polier; Judge Mize is true to bad expectations. If Mr. Polier did in fact read our Report such is not apparent from his rendering of it. If these remarks betray annoyance ~~arrogance~~, and if you are kind enough to regard that as uncharacteristic, it is because Mr. Polier's cute remark about our funds seemed to the staff here in squirmy bad taste.

Your letter of August 8 suggests a second report. You will be interested to know that the next issue of New South, now at the printers, will be devoted largely to the Freedom Ride. There will be three articles: one by a Negro student who took part, recounting his experiences; a report on foreign press coverage, based on materials which we obtained from USIA (this source told to you in confidence); and a short interpretive article by me (copy enclosed). Please let me know, after you have received this New South, what your reaction is.

I am enclosing also examples of editorial and other reactions to the Report; some you have seen already, no doubt. You may find those from the Negro press especially interesting.

Now, in all this long letter, I have talked only about our Report on the Ride, and given that some measure of defense. I have not talked about the Ride itself, and I want to make clear that I deny that defending the Report is equivalent to attacking the Ride. There are grounds for believing that the Report conveyed our basic sympathy with the Ride. It expressed some and implied some other reservations, and those so astonished some that they dominated their reading of it. I believe that many other readers have found in it a balanced interpretation.

I have also your letter of June 24, and your note of June 27. I am familiar with Perez v. Lippold; it was a state case (California). The Virginia case (Naim v. Naim) did get to the U. S. Supreme Court, and on appeal not certiorari, and seemed to confront the court with the necessity of decision. The Court, however, managed to dismiss it (March, 1956) and, so far as I know, has escaped further importuning. I think there is little doubt that someday the federal courts will have to meet the issue, and that when they do they will follow the lead of California and other states and outlaw the miscegenation statutes.

I think you were wise in declining the invitation to Washington.

With best regards. You were missed by everyone at the Executive Committee meeting. Hope you had rest and pleasure in New Mexico.

Sincerely,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:A
Enclosures:
"The Freedom Ride," by LWD, for Forum Service, London
"Injunction in Alabama," New York Times ed., June 4, 1961
"A Liberal View on 'The Freedom Ride'" Nashville Times ed., June 2, 1961
"Freedom Rides--May, '61," Louisville,Defender ed., June 8, 1961
"Restraints and Cool-Offs in Alabama," Virginian-Pilot and Portsmouth Star ed, June 4, 1961
"Investing in the South," Wall Street Journal letters-to-the-editor, Norman Thomas, June 14, 1961
"In the Wings," San Antonio Light ed., June 2, 1961
"Foresight Thought South's Big Need," Charleston (W.Va.) Gazette-Mail ed, June 11, 1961
"If a Little Violence Will Do the Trick, We Have Learned Nothing from History," Charleston (W.Va.) Mail, ed., June 3, 1961
"In the Wings," New York Journal-American ed., June 5, 1961
"In the Wings," Los Angeles Examiner ed., June 2, 1961
"Court Halts Freedom Rides, Integrationists Plan More," Cleveland Plain Dealer ed., June 4, 1961
"The Freedom Riders Begin to Get Positive Results," Providence Journal ed., June 2, 1961

Enclosures, continued:

- "The South Must Initiate Change," Wilmington News ed., June 5, 1961
- "Grant Equal Rights to Avoid Extremists," Rochester Times-Union, ed., June 5, 1961
- "Wise Words in the South," Cincinnati Enquirer ed., June 6, 1961
- "The Truth Needn't Be Characterized," Atlanta Constitution ed., Eugene Patterson, June 1, 1961

August 10, 1961

Mr. Leonard Burns
Mr. Henry Cabirac
Mrs. Gladys Cahn
Dr. Albert Dent
Mr. Sam Gandy
Mr. Harvy Kearns
Mr. Jack Nelson
Father Alexander Sigur
Mr. Irving Schulman
Miss Florence Syts
Dr. Dan Thompson
Mrs. Betty Wisdom

As you all know, one of the major purposes of the Southern Regional Council has been and is to encourage more meaningful interracial communication and activity in communities across the South. Toward this end we cooperate with some 10 state and over 60 local interracial groups known as Councils on Human Relations or Community Relations Conferences or what have you. As some of you will remember, we at one time helped organise a Louisiana Council on Human Relations, which is no longer in existence. Since the demise of the Louisiana Council, we have felt that we are not adequately fulfilling our function in Louisiana. Some of you have expressed similar opinions from time to time.

It has seemed to me as I have had occasion and opportunity to visit New Orleans that there is a need for a regular channel of consultation and planning across racial lines. We have hesitated to resume iniative in this effort because of the recent hopeful steps reflected in the organisation of the Catholic Human Relations Council and the interracial committee recently convened by the Urban League. The only point of this memorandum is to inquire whether there is anything we can do to strengthen these efforts, and/or whether any of you feel that there is some iniative that the Southern Regional Council should take at this time in New Orleans and the state and, if so, what.

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR:mm

August 10, 1961

Mrs. N. H. Sand
1447 Grand~~ed~~ ada
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mary:

I wasn't sure you would want to be listed as an addressee, but would like your reaction to the enclosed memorandum.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

August 10, 1961

Mr. Andy Rogers
317 International Trade Mart Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Andy:

I wasn't sure you would want to be listed as an addressee, but would like your reaction to the enclosed memorandum.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm
Enclosure

August 10, 1961

The Rev. Norman Shands
West End Baptist Church
1040 Gordon Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Norman:

The only ideas I have for agenda for Monday's meeting would be:

(1) A discussion of the layman's manifesto with a report from Harry Rohrer.

(2) A major discussion of Law and Order Weekend nad how we might secure maximum cooperation and what we might do to assist clergymen in preparing for this event.

(3) Should we attempt to encourage smaller meetings of the clergymen in communities directly affected by desegregation?

(4) Some discussion of what ministers could do individually or collectively if serious trouble comes.

(5) It seems to me that we need to have some sort of presentation to give the meeting more structure. This might take the form of a talk by someone on the kind of themes that would be most effective on Law and Order Sunday, or a pep talk by someone on the role of the minister in the time of social change or a guest speaker after the fashion of the first two meetings. Perhaps we could ask several members of our own group to prepare brief talks, including one of our Negro members. Anyway, something.

I will be out of town Thursday evening until Saturday evening, but will be available Sunday and Monday, if I can be of help.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

Original is correct - DM

August 10, 1961

Mr. C. Blythe Andrews, Jr.
Editor
The Florida Sentinel
Central Avenue
Tampa, Florida

Dear Mr. Andrews:

I am writing at the suggestion of Mr. William Fillmore, Business Assistant of the Southern Regional Council, who felt that you would be kind enough to help me clear up the following information:

The St. Petersburg *Times* of July 8, 1960 reported that a tentative meeting between Tampa Mayor Lane and NAACP officials had been set to discuss possible integration of a city-owned playground where Negroes had twice attempted (unsuccessfully) to use the facilities. We do not have any information after this date. Was the meeting ever held? Was any agreement everyreached? Is the playground still segregated?

I would appreciate it very much if you could send me any information you have on this.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Dorothy Miller
RESEARCH

August 11, 1961

The Rev. Heslip Lee
Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
3-B Broad-Grace Arcade Building
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Heslip:

Belatedly, I send you congratulations and good wishes on becoming director of the Virginia Council. Virginia has a rather special place in our hearts down here, as the one Council which has never been a disappointment. From all I have heard of you, I think there is no doubt but that the Virginia Council will continue to grow and find new ways of being useful.

Best wishes, and let me hear from you whenever I can be of assistance. I hope we will have a chance to meet soon.

Sincerely,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

August 11, 1961

Mr. John Wheeler
P. O. Box 1932
Durham, North Carolina

Dear John:

Please read this critically.

It seemed to me that if the Project were to move along, we had to begin getting specific about plans. On the other hand, the conference table is not the best place to hash out some questions,and also a written statement at this stage of the game should avoid flushing unnecessary rabbits. I have tried to strike some balance among these considerations, and you can judge how well I have succeeded.

Just as important, we need your suggestions regarding the ideas expressed, particularly from page 3 to the end.

Please keep in mind another fact. Although I have discussed this with both Paul Rilling and Paul Anthony, neither of them yet has seen this. Paul Rilling is out of town and will not read it until Monday; Paul Anthony is off on vacation and I will get his comments Monday. So, although I have had staff advice in the preliminary thinking, I have not yet had staff advice on this presentation. (Jim Moss, of course, is off on his Austrian trip).Monday also I shall be able to get C. H. Parrish to read it.

I will call you Monday at Capahosic.

Sincerely,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm
Enclosure

August 11, 1961

Mr. Richard Gregg
Laroe Road
Chester, New York

Dear Mr. Gregg:

I read your letter with great interest, and I think I am fully persuaded. I believe there is a difference between a willingness to accept suffering on the one hand, and on the other hand, a policy of inviting others to inflict it. It seems to me we have a duty not to encourage our brothers into wrong-doing.

I hope you will allow us from time to time to send you others of our publications which you may store by for occasions when the garden doesn't need you.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

August 11, 1961

The Rev. Norman Jimerson
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
1224 Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Norman:

Belatedly, congratulations and best wishes on becoming director of the Alabama Council. You have a job ahead of you. Despite vicissitudes, however, the Alabama Council has become a tight, sturdy, organization in relation to the difficulties present; perhaps no other state Council has been of greater service.

I enjoyed greatly the lunch we had together some months ago, and look forward to seeing you soon again. Please let me hear from you if I can ever be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

August 9, 1961

Circulation Dept.
Dodd, Mead & Company, Inc.
432 Park Avenue South
New York 16, New York

Dear Sir:

In order to facilitate your mailing list, please note our change of address. If you will note the enclosed listings, you will see that there is also some duplication.

Mrs. Miller, Messrs. Via, Routh, and Fleming are no longer with our organization.

Yours truly,

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Janet Feagans
Secretary to the
Director of Information

August 11, 1961

Mr. Grover Hall, Jr., Editor
The Montgomery Advertiser
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hall:

This is to correct several errors in well-known facts which Advertiser Columnist W. J. Mahoney, Jr., has written in his column, "As I See It."

On May 21, Mr. Mahoney wondered "what is the Southern Regional Council on Mental Health Training and Research," for which the Alabama Legislature had appropriated "thousands of dollars annually?" This seems a curiously helpless question from a veteran newspaperman with ready access to the answer. (The Council on Mental Health Training and Research, as you are doubtless aware, is an agency of the Southern Regional Education Board, set up by the Southern Governors Conference.)

Mr. Mahoney's May 21 column proceeds to quote the American Legion's Firing Line to indicate connection between the Southern Regional Council and the SREB Council on Mental Health Training and Research and the Firing Line's erroneous statement that the Southern Regional Council emerged from the Southern Conference on Human Welfare. There was no organizational connection between the Council and the Conference.

On June 19, Mr. Mahoney quoted a wire from Governor Buford Ellington of Tennessee, chairman of SREB, that "there is absolutely no connection and never has been between this Board's Council on Mental Health Training and Research and the Southern Regional Council, a private race relations organization also located in Atlanta." We are somewhat bemused at the circumstances that Mr. Mahoney found it necessary to confirm this familiar fact with a wire from Governor Ellington.

On June 18, Mr. Mahoney wrote, with a similarly surprising innocence or disregard of fact, that "incorporators" of the Southern

Regional Council have never "denied publicly" the Communist Daily Worker's claim that "the Worker's Negro editor" was a founder of the Council. This charge, also from the Firing Line, has been repeatedly denied and disproven, very publicly, indeed, in one instance by the Richmond Times-Dispatch in the attached editorial reprint.

It is a matter of considerable astonishment here that Mr. Mahoney regards the Daily Worker, a notoriously unreliable Communist paper, as a source of information.

We recognize Mr. Mahoney's right to entertain whatever opinions and weirdly dark implications he may draw from a similarity and confusion of names. We do, however, protest his flagrant misstatement of long-established, publicly repeated, and easily ascertained facts about our Council and the SREB's Mental Health agency.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Long
Director of Information

ML/sm
Enclosures

bc: Jose Anderson
Norman Jimerson
Joe Haas

MEMORANDUM August 11, 1961

Notes on the morning session at the Taconic conference July 28, 1961. LWD

Introductory remarks by Garrison and Currier.

The morning was devoted to statements by the conferees as to what their organizations are now doing in the voting field and their estimation of the importance of a larger effort.

1. John Wheeler. SRC wants to help. The Executive Committee regards matter as urgent. SRC has used consultants with great success in school desegregation; wisdom and value of their use in voting drives should be considered.

2. Timothy Jenkins. NSA will mobilize students nationally to help in any way they can. Efforts should be nationwide and interracial.

3. Burke Marshall. Commented on the value of increased voting in the South to the whole civil rights campaign, while noting that increased voting was no panacea.

4. Martin Luther King, Jr. SCLC has 50-odd affiliates in the Southern states. Considers itself a service group working through existent groups. Sees voting drive as embracing two aspects: in some places, arouse from apathy; in other places, overcome resistance. Aim should be doubled Negro registration in the South.

5. Vernon Eagle. Foundations will be leery about contributing. Have to take their fears into account. Emphasize the indispensable role of adequate money.

6. Robert Carter. Thinks a combined activity will work if agencies can come up with a plan and concrete role.

7. Lester Granger. Voting is within area of Urban League's interest. Must get support in localities from local groups and from other national organizations (e.g., Elks). Local Urban Leagues in South not likely to spark themselves into action, but will probably follow the lead of the national League. National staff could travel and help organize voting efforts. A large number of Negroes doubt that voting is worthwhile. This is not apathy; it is disillusionment.

8. Whitney Young. Urban League has some natural advantages: its locals have prefessional staff and long experience working with other community organizations. Traditionally, great spurts in registration

have required some dramatic incident. Problem: what substitute for an incident can we have?

9. Roy Wilkins. NAACP is more active in this field than any other organization. Since January, 1958 it has had established a Southwide Campaign. This is headed by Kelly Alexander of Charlotte, and has headquarters in Richmond directed by John Brooks. The Campaign is working in agreed upon urban centers only. It is doing no work in rural sections or in the tough urban sections. Registration increases often due to presence of particular candidates, either good or bad. We have to convince Negroes that there is some reward to voting.

10. Lloyd Garrison. There are three needs: 1) exhortation, 2) education, 3) get people to vote as well as to register.

11. Thurgood Marshall. Agrees with Whitney Young, dramatic incidents are the key to increased registration. We must have local groups we can depend on, and this excludes a lot. Legal Defense Fund now refers cases to the Department of Justice, but still stands ready to help. There needs to be more emphasis in the North, where the Negro vote is not "used" intelligently. The organizations represented around this table cannot afford the manpower for the necessary doorbell ringing and other hard detailed labor connected with a voter drive. They must have volunteers. Registration campaigns must be related to local issues and leaders. There is nothing to take the place of voting schools to prepare people for the literacy tests, doorbell ringing, and transportation.

12. Justine Wise Polier. Women's groups, etc, could supplement the voting drive. The project can be set up in such a way as to satisfy the tax laws.

13. James Farmer. CORE shares interest in voting. CORE is not committed to its methods as an end in themselves. Activities in the field of voting and other fields not mutually exclusive. CORE has a voter project in South Carolina. James McCain, its director, will seek to coordinate its activities and submerge CORE's interest and identity, though he will continue to get his salary from CORE. CORE's special assets for participation in any voting drive: energy, some experience.

14. Marion Barry. A number of students willing to take one or two years out of school to work on voting drive; how many not certain. Students would like to continue direct action, but also to work in the voting field. How much help the students can be in the voting drive depends on how the program is set up.

15. Stephen Currier. Increase in Negro voting will be a support to campaigns of non-violence in other fields.

16. Charles McDew. Students have come to realize that they have tremendous power, and also that their power needs direction. They are prepared to provide the manpower for a unified program. As a pilot project, Bob Moses is now working in ~~Cleveland~~, Mississippi.

town has been
changed McComb, Miss

17. LWD/ SRC can contribute: 1) hopefully, some manpower through state councils; 2) more importantly, its research resources; 3) it is prepared to provide any administrative services which may be useful.

18. Wyatt Walker. A successful voting drive will have to have professional salaried people. Will also need creative ways of dramatizing the importance of registration. SCLC is underwriting Bob Moses' expenses, has taken on also some of the costs of voter registration work in Birmingham and other places. SCLC recently had a training session at Dorchester Center, McIntosh County, Georgia, made possible through a grant from Field. Persons brought to the Center will go back to their localities and train others to read, and give them some sort of leadership. This is itself a contribution to a voter drive. It is also a technique which could be particularly directed toward voting. SCLC is made up of churches and is recognition of the unique role of the church in the South. SCLC is willing to cooperate with other organizations.

19. Harold Fleming. There is much now going on -- what can be added to this existing activity? 1) federal government's increased interest; 2) coordination; 3) the energy of the student movement, (how harness?); 4) money.

20. Harris Wofford. Spoke of the concern of the President. Described a subcommittee which he heads dealing with civil rights. What is missing from present activity in behalf of voter registration? 1) a call and coordination; 2) professionalization; 3) money.

cc John Wheeler

August 14, 1961

The Rev. Cornelius Tarplee
P. O. Box 853
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Neal:

When Carroll Brooke was down several weeks ago for the Executive Committee meeting, we discussed the contribution from the Episcopal Church. He particularly mentioned that the budget for the triennium would be approved this year, and suggested that I contact you to determine if we are in the budget, under what department, and if not, what should be done about it. He assumed that this matter would be covered automatically, but thought it best that we have you check on it for us. The latest information we have, which you no doubt know, is that our contribution comes from the Division of Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, Home Department; Clifford L. Samuelson, Acting Director.

We will deeply appreciate anything you can do in this regard.

Seldom see you any more, and hope an early opportunity will change this. Best wishes to you and Lynchburg,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/sm

August 14, 1961

This is a typical
Paul Anthony.
RHA

Mr. Melvin Bergheim
Governmental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mel:

Enclosed is an account of the expenses we encountered with the resident foreign correspondents' visit. As Council policy, we will be happy to absorb this as part of our general operating costs. However, we will accept any portion of these expenses which you feel that you can and want to meet.

Hope the Atlanta visit, and the entire trip were a success. Certainly your talents, very hard work, and incredible patience contributed mightily to it.

Come again soon -- though don't feel necessarily obligated to bring along twelve visitors next time!

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/sm
enclosure

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS' EXPENSES - July 1961

Atlanta Visit

Paul Anthony and Margaret Long Food, entertainment, transportation, misc.	$83.50
News stand, Dinkler, for New York Times	13.00
Paschal's Restaurant	82.26
The Hertz Corporation	56.82
Atlanta Transit System, Inc.	46.35
Typewriter Service Company	66.95
Y. W. C. A.	5.00
TOTAL	$ 353.88

August 14, 1961

Mrs. Ruth Perlmutter
9540 Carlyle Avenue
Surfside, Florida

Dear Mrs. Perlmutter:

On the basis of our telephone conversation this morning, I have made reservations on Delta Flight #811 sch3duled to arrive in Miami at 12:04 (noon) Thursday. Since I have to be in Louisville on Friday, there will be no need to provide overnight accommodations for me. I can get an Eastern flight at midnight that will put me in Louisville early Friday morning.

You may arrange the schedule of my activities in Miami as you see fit. If possible, however, I would like to visit the Miami Urban League and also have a chance to talk to Bill Williams at some time during the afternoon.

I hope you have managed to involve members of the Negro community both as interviewers and as members of the planning group. More than a little importance attaches to bi-racial participation wherever feasible. Many valuable leads will be missed otherwise.

I am looking forward to the visit with you Thursday.

Cordially,

C. H. Parrish
Program Associate

CHP:mm

August 15, 1961

The Rev. Cornelius Tarplee
P. O. Box 853
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Neil:

Thank you for your warm letter. I hope SRC will continue to justify your trust.

The date of the next interagency meeting is unsettled. It turns out that the people goofed a bit, inasmuch as the announced date conflicts with Yom Kippur. You ought to be hearing soon, if not already, regarding a changed date.

Glad to hear that you may soon be coming South.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

August 15, 1961

Miss Charlotte Kohler
Editor
The Virginia Quarterly Review
One West Range
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Miss Kohler:

Enclosed are the galley proofs of my article. The type looks very fine indeed.

We have made corrections of a few small typos. Other than this, I have no changes, though I would like to raise a question about footnotes. Those which appeared on pages 5 and 11 of the manuscript have been inserted in the text in parentheses. This is all right if you prefer them that way. The footnotes which appeared on pages 8 and 9 of the manuscript have been left out entirely. The one on page 9 was a rather gratuitous comment, and if you deleted it purposely, I have no strong objection, though it is a qualification that makes a statement in my text rather more accurate. The footnote on page 8, however, would seem to me to be needed.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm
Enclosure

August 15, 1961

Rev. Hubert Beckwith
Congregational Christian Church
of Fairfax
P. O. Box 186
Annandale, Virginia

Dear Hubert:

Many thanks for your letter of July 27, which I shared with Paul Rilling. Both of us have read it with great interest.

I am as convinced as you are that our state Councils need to be strengthened, not just for their sakes, but because they could provide a unique advantage. They are the only means yet devised for white Southerners to join with Negro Southerners in a non-denominational effort, the only feasible means of white and Negro people publicly standing together for a common objective. You know the dreams which inspired the founding of the Councils some years ago, and the disappointments of those dreams. We now have Councils operating in 9 states and in a 10th, Kentucky, of a rather specialized type. From all standpoints -- finances, program, administrative competence, local affiliates, public acceptance, Negro confidence, white confidence -- these state Councils vary greatly. If I say to you that in the opinion of most of us, the strongest council now is that of Virginia, you will be able to make some valuations of your own regarding the others. Yet the Councils in 10 states have endured and there is some reason to think that at leastt some of them are on the threshold of vigor.

SRC's concern right now is two-fold. One, what we can do on a continuing basis to help strengthen the councils now in operation. Two, what we can and must do to try again to establish councils in Mississippi and Louisiana. The problem in those two states is especially acute, when it is noted that in both there is almost a complete absence of interracial communication and cooperative activity. There is also the matter of Texas, where the state Council floundered. Recently, we have assisted the Houston Council in the hopes that it would become the nucleus of a state group.

What SRC can do about either of these objectives is closely related to money. We are now, as you know, distributing about $50,000 a year among the states in addition to the devoting of the major part of the activities of Paul Rilling and his administrative secretary to the service of the Councils. By means of consultants, such as John Hope and Ken Morland, we have from time to time provided workshops, etc. Whether more funds can be raised to make possible enlarged aid and service is a question whose answer I don't know. I have become acutely conscious that the requests made upon the few foundations interested in this field are so heavy that one has to be able to demonstrate pretty convincingly that grants will probably yield results. Certainly, every bit of evidence that the state or local Councils are achieving success will help.

At the Executive Committee Meeting of July 27, we distributed to the Committee a summary report of the present condition of the state Councils. I think you will be interested in seeing it and am enclosing a copy.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie Dunbar
Executive Director

LD:nm
Enclosure

August 15, 1961

Mr. Andy Rogers
317 International Trade Mart Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Andy:

Unless you are already underway on the economic survey, I would reluctantly suggest that we shelve it for now. All of you and all of us have too much to do and the time has grown too short. This is, however, a suggestion, not a policy statement.

I will be in New Orleans Thursday through Saturday, August 24 through 26. It seems inevitable that I will see you at that time.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY
August 15, 1961

Miss Katherine Jones
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

Things are more or less in order here concerning the Jackson workshop. I am enclosing a copy of a suggested outline, subject to most any changes. I will be out of town until Wednesday night. Perhaps you should write or phone here so that we may tell Eric Lincoln where and at what time the Friday meeting will be. He will be in Jackson that afternoon and will contact Mr. Merriwether, but it would help to know of what school he is principal. I believe that Eric will do us a fine job. I will telegraph you my own travel schedule as soon as I know it.

We will also need to know the exact time span of the conference. I would suggest 9:00 - 12:00 A.M., 1:00 - 4:00 P.M.. I assume one of the local officers is prepared to serve as sort of general chairman to introduce us, open meeting, etc. You will note that I am suggesting that the first topic be some presentation on the local stiuation and that in the state, either by you or a knowledgeable local person.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm
Enclosure

August 16, 1961

Mrs. Helen Hill Miller
Executive Secretary
Edgar Stern Family Fund
1299 National Press Building
Washington 4, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Miller:

We are sorry that the foreign visitors center in Knoxville cannot be established at this time. We agree with you, however, in thinking it unwise to go ahead unless the TVA Board is convinced of the soundness of the center's administration.

Certainly the TVA's Board is wise in believing that the center should be operated by an agency truly representative of the South. The Board's majority is ill informed, we think, in not recognizing that a bi-racial agency is well-suited to represent the South to those who come from abroad to learn more of this region.

Knowing how deep was the interest of the Stern Family Fund, we especially regret this outcome. You were responsive to what you saw as an opportunity for national service, and we would have thought it a privilege to work with you toward that end.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm
cc: Mr. L. J. Van Mol
General Manager, TVA

August 16, 1961

Mrs. Eliza Paschall, Executive Director
Greater Atlanta Council on Human Relations
41 Exchange Place, S.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Eliza:

I am going to make a quick response to your letter of August 14th and then pass it on to Paul Rilling for his fuller attention.

Certainly, we need to be careful that you and Frances are kept informed regarding any SRC plans or activities in Atlanta and Georgia. We took a step in this direction yesterday, I think.

We should have checked with you regarding the bulletin of "Seperate Schools, Incorporated"; I suppose we just assumed that you read about them in the newspaper.

Bob Coles will be arriving any day and I shall ask him to look you up. He is not, however, really working for us nor are we, except nominally, sponsoring his work.

As I told you yesterday, Claude Sitton did discuss his article on Atlanta preparation with me during the luncheon, and I did talk to him about the Atlanta Council.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie Dunbar
Executive Director

LD:mb
cc. Rilling

August 16, 1961

Ben Muse Leslie Dunbar

Dear Ben:

Saturday, September, the 16th, it is. We can get together either at my house or downtown. There is no executive committee meeting planned until the morning of November 8, prior to the opening of the annual meeting at noon.

Incidentally, you will recall that we discussed at the last meeting the invitation of a guest speaker to address the annual banquet. If you have any names to suggest I would like to have them; I shall have to get to work on this almost immediately. The inclination here is to try first Robert Weaver. Other names have been tossed about - those of Justices Douglas and Black, and Chester Bowles. All the discussion we have had has been in terms of political figures, though I don't know why this should be exclusively so; Harry Ashmore, McGill, or Mark Etheridge might be appropriate.

Of course, you have my agreement for annual leave during the Labor Day week, and I shall mention this to Mrs. Alexander. I think, however, you do not need to take leave in order to prepare your Virginia State College address. Even though you will not be speaking in specific reference to racial relations, I assume you will be introduced as a staff member of the Council. I think the principle is worth stressing that SRC is not confined to an exclusive preoccupation with racial relations, and that staff members can appropriately speak on other subjects within their competence.

Also, we still follow the rule which Harold established; if an honorarium comes with the speech, the individual may pocket all over and above whatever traveling expenses SRC may incur.

I am deeply distressed at the intimation in the last paragraph of your letter of August 13th.

August 16, 1961

Dear Dave:

I will see you at your office next Wednesday, August 23rd, at nine o'clock.

Certainly, it should be possible for me to speak with you after the meeting.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

Leslie Dunbar
Executive Director

Mr. David F. Freeman
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

August 16, 1961

Mr. Vernon Eagle
New World Foundation
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Vernon:

I talked with Joe Elmore about the Race Relations Progress Study of the Texas Council of Churches; as you may recall, Joe is Director.

Of the 8 study commissions, Joe is well pleased with the work of 5. He expects the best report to come from the commission on churches, but says there will be strong reports also from the commissions on colleges and universities; hotels, motels, and restaurants; public facilities; and schools. He is unhappy about the work of the commissions on employment; entertainment, recreation and sports; and housing. I gather that he is at this stage fairly resigned to getting from these three commissions sub-par results.

As to finances, Joe said that Harold Kilpatrick had not kept him closely informed, and that he had ceased to worry much about the matter. He said that he spent a couple of weeks of his own time at the beginning of the summer trying to raise money from individuals and he had no success. He finally gave it up in order to get to work on the research. He believes that the situation is that the Progress Study will get done, though it may mean that the Texas Council will have to use for it money that it would like to use for other purposes. He said that he knew enough of the finances of the Council to know that they were in jeopardy of some degree because of attacks by the John Birch society. Joe said that he expected the real financial problem of the Progress Study might come with regard to publication of the report. The budgeted item for this was $3,500; he said that recently they had gotten a revised estimate which looked closer to $2,500.

I asked Joe to keep my call in confidence. I told him also that there was no reason to feel optimistic about the application made to you.

As to use of contingency fund money, I would prefer not at the present. I asked Joe to let me know next fall or winter if the Progress Study reached a point where it could not go further. If this happens, perhaps we can bail them out from the contingency fund. Would you agree?

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

August 16, 1961

Mr. Malcolm P. Calhoun
Board of Christian Education
Presbyterian Church, U.S.
Presbyterian Building
Eight North Sixth Street
Richmond 9, Virginia

Dear Mr. Calhoun:

I have your letter of August 11. It is always hard to advise someone regarding possible sources of financial assistance, and especially hard for one who, like myself, is very much a neophyte at this fund-raising business. For that latter reason, I yield to temptation and suggest that you would undoubtedly get better advice from my predecessor and your friend, Harold Fleming, (Executive Vice President, the Potomac Institute, 353 Shoreham Building, 15th and H Streets, Washington, D. C.).

As you undoubtedly know, the number of foundations which are interested to the point of committing any funds in race relations is scant. Those which do usually have some particular interest and therefore a proposal has to be conceived in ways that reach their interest. This doesn't mean that a program has to be designed in such a way as to attract money, but it does mean that the proposed program has first got to be designed and put before a likely foundation before the money can be attracted.

We have been successful in getting support from several foundations, but I do not know which, if any, of them might have uncommitted resources which would make possible an interest in your plans. There is nothing to do, however, but to try. More as a hunch than as anything else, I think you might begin with the Field Foundation (250 Park Avenue, New York 17). The person to write there is Maxwell Hahn, Executive Vice President.

Let me know what next steps you will want to take, and if I can be of any further help, either in the development of your ideas or through putting in a good word.

Sincerely,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

Blind copy & thermo
of original to HCF

August 17, 1961

Mr. John R. May, Executive Director
The San Francisco Foundation
Balfour Building
351 California Street
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Mr. May:

Mr. Paul M. Rilling, our Director of Field Activities, will be in San Francisco November 10 to speak before the annual meeting of the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials. San Francisco is a long way off and Mr. Rilling decided to make this trip only because he is on the program and also a NAIRO officer.

I hope that he might drop by to see you while he is in San Francisco in order to bring you up-to-date regarding the programs of the Southern Regional Council. It occurs to me also that you might think it worthwhile for other groups in the San Francisco area to meet Rilling; if so, I believe he could stay over a short while.

He will not arrive until late on November 9 and, I suppose, will be tied up most of the next day with the NAIRO meeting.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie Dunbar
Executive Director

LD:MBB

August 17, 1961

Mr. John Feild
Executive Director
President's Committee on Equal
 Employment Opportunity
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Feild:

We have on file in our Research Department copies of most of the agreements reached between your Committee and industries. We have, however, only a carbon of the Lockheed agreement, and would very much appreciate having several of the mimeographed copies, if you have them available.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Timothy Miller
for the Research Department

August 17, 1961

Mr. John Feild
Executive Director
President's Committee on Equal
  Employment Opportunity
Washington, D. C.

Dear John:

Good to have seen you last week, if only briefly. I stand ready to listen to Robert whenever he calls.

Enclosed is a copy of the statistics which we worked up for him.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm
Enclosure

August 17, 1961

Mr. Joe Earl Elmore
Race Relations Progress Study
Texas Council of Churches
504 West Twenty-Fourth Street
Austin 5, Texas

Dear Joe:

Enclosed are some clips regarding Virginia Seashore State Park. I think you would do well to read also the court opinions which you can find by walking across the street to the law library.

The District Court gave its decision July 7, 1955 (1 Race Relations Law Report 171); this was affirmed by the Fourth Circuit, April 9, 1956 (1 RRLR 530); the Supreme Court denied certiorari, October 8, 1956 (noted RRLR 1024).

In lieu of McGill for your assembly, Benjamin Mays would be first rate; so, too, would be our president, James McBride Dabbs; Stephen Wright, of Fisk, would be good. In regard to your querie about the Earlham Antioch meeting, Lillian Smith does still accept speaking engagements. I suppose Ashely Montagu is the best known anthropologist writing. There is also Dollard, of Yale, who wrote *Cast and Class in a Southern Town*; Joshua Fishman, of Yeshiva University, might be a possibility. Mary Ellen Goodman is an anthropologist, and might be able to give you a good suggestion regarding younger people.

As for me, I am not sure, though I would like to come back to Earlham. I have committed myself, either to come or to send someone else, to Indiana University some time between November and March and if your affair coincides, that would be nice.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie Dunbar

Executive Director

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August 17, 1961

Mr. Stephen R. Currier
Taconic Foundation, Inc
666 Fifth Avenue
New York 19, New York

Dear Stephen:

We sent off by air mail Monday our memo regarding the voting project, for discussion next week. It probably is too much to expect that the second meeting will go as amiably and successfully as the first, but let's hope so.

Regardless of how all this may turn out you have done a magnificent thing in opening up the possibility and in raising the challenge of (and I choose my words advisedly) intergroup relations.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie Dunbar
Executive Director

LD:mbb

August 18, 1961

Dear John:

I have a room at the Park Sheraton. My plane arrives at Newark 9:30 PM and it will likely be 10;30 before I get to the hotel.

Will check at your room to see if you are in and awake.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie Dunbar
Executive Director

Mr. John H. Wheeler, President
Mechanics & Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

LWD:mbb

August 18, 1961

The Reverend C. Herbert Oliver
55 Eighteenth Avenue, South
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Oliver:

I received today a letter from the Department of Justice regarding your reports of brutality cases in Birmingham. The following paragraphs are quoted from the letter:

"I have checked our records on each of the complaints which you gave me. In all but one of the cases, we have been required to close the investigations because of an inability to produce any evidence of a violation of federal law. In most of these instances the problem was that there was no way of establishing federal jurisdiction because there was no satisfactory evidence of participation by any persons acting under color of law. In other instances there was simply insufficient evidence disclosed by the full FBI investigation of any criminal violations by the police officers who were involved.

"In one case, involving the complaint by Theotis Crymes, the matter was presented to a Federal Grand Jury and indictment was returned. Upon trial the defendant was acquitted. The trial was concluded December 13, 1960. The charge was under Section 242 of Title 18, based upon the assault and shooting of the victim by officers of the Helena Police Department. There was, of course, no further action which could be taken by the Federal Government.

"One of the complaints is still under investigation. It does not appear at present, however, that sufficient evidence will be obtained to justify presentation of that matter to a Federal Grand Jury."

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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Bcc: Burke Marshall

Leslie Dunbar

Minutes of the Executive Committee
Southern Regional Council
July 27, 1961

The meeting of the Executive Committee was called to order at 10:00 a. m., July 27, 1961 with Mr. Wheeler presiding.

Those present: Mr. Brooke, Mr. Christopher, Dr. Clement, Mr. Dabbs, Dr. Griffin, Mr. Haas, Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Milton, Miss Wilkins. All members of the professional staff were present, with Mrs. Miller serving as recording secretary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Following the invocation, the proposed agenda was adopted and the "Resolution on SRC's Charter and Tax Exemption" was read. There ensued a discussion and clarification of the Resolution, with particular attention to the limits imposed on SRC activities.

Mr. Wheeler presented the report of the Personnel Committee, pointing out that, in so far as possible, it was a policy of the Council to pay competitive salaries to staff. After discussion, the following motion was made and unanimously adopted: That, as of August 1, the Council pay for all staff benefits and grant to all personnel a 5% increase in salary.

GENERAL SESSION

Mr. Dunbar introduced new staff members to the Executive Committee: Dr. Moss, Mrs. Boozer, and Miss Miller of the Research Department; Margaret Long, Director of Information. Mr. Wheeler expressed the pleasure of the Executive Committee over the continuing quality of the staff. Mr. Dunbar also announced the appointment of Mr. Julian Longley to serve as Industrial Consultant with Mr. Muse's Southern Leadership Project.

State Councils. Mr. Dunbar passed out reports of the activities, membership, and financial records of the various state councils on human relations.

Foreign Visitors Center in Knoxville. Mr. Dunbar reported that because of some reluctance on the part of the Board of the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Stern Family Fund and the Southern Regional Council had decided not to pursue the project further at this time.

New Orleans Project. The director announced a grant of $5,000 from the Stern Family Fund to help finance program activities to aid the unhappy school situation in New Orleans as another school year approaches.

Unstaffed Areas. Mr. Dunbar stated that the staff was keenly aware of the need for field work in the states of Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas. He hoped that some program could be worked out for these areas in the near future.

Voter Registration Effort. Mr. Dunbar reported on the possibility of a grant of money being made available to SRC to undertake a program of voter registration in the southern states, with the cooperation of other organizations already active in the field. A lengthy discussion followed, including the question of SRC's tax exemption, and the wisdom of the Council's becoming involved with other organizations in such a project. The Executive Committee went on record as being heartily in favor of undertaking this assignment, if asked, provided that SRC not be merely a channel for the distribution of funds, but actually in charge of such a project, i. e., setting the direction of the endeavor and determining the distribution of funds within the limitations imposed by the Council's tax exemption and consistent with SRC policies and judgment.

Plans for Annual Meeting. The staff made several recommendations about the Annual Meeting, which will be held November 8 and 9: inviting a distinguished national figure to be speaker at the annual dinner; inviting to non-business sessions of the Board all former Board members of SRC and presidents of the state councils; inviting the press to cover the addresses of the President and the guest speaker; and releasing a notice of the meeting to the press afterwards. The Executive Committee approved the ideas. The Committee requested that reports be made to the Board in writing before the meeting, so as to take up as little time as possible with routine business.

The schedule for the meeting is as follows:

Wednesday, November 8

10:00 a.m.	Executive Committee meeting
12:30 p.m.	Opening session: luncheon, speech by Mr. Dabbs
2:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Formal business session and beginning of program discussion, if time allows.
7:00 p.m.	Banquet and guest speaker

Thursday, November 9

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Report of the Executive Director and program session
12:30 p.m.	Lunch (tentative)

Financial Reports.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. The Finance Committee, consisting of Mr. Haas, Mr. Milton, and Miss Wilkins, determined after careful consideration that the reserve fund of the Council should be placed under the management of the Trust Company of Georgia in the Common Trust Fund maintained by that institution.

Accordingly, on July 1, 3123 Common Trust Funds units were purchased, at a unit cost of $19.21, for a total investment of $59,992.83. Dividends are paid quarterly. These dividends and any appreciation on the shares owned will be reinvested in the Fund, unless the financial needs of the Council require otherwise.

Following this report, it was moved, seconded, and unanimously adopted: That the Executive Committee ratify the execution of the agreement.

AUDIT. Mrs. Alexander presented the financial statement taken from the audit. Mr. Anthony reported that expenses during the first six months of 1961 were within the amounts authorized by the budget. He further reported that a modest surplus was anticipated, which should take care of any additional obligations and requirements for the remainder of the year.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p. m.

August 18, 1961

Mr. Bill Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
4241 S. W. 109th Court
Miami 55, Florida

Dear Bill:

How are you coming with the analysis of the Pensacola and other situations that we thought would be useful for the Department of Justice?

Was there ever a final court order on the Pensacola situation?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director,
Field Activities

PR:mm

August 18, 1961

Mr. John Youngblut
Quaker House
1384 Fairview Road, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear John:

We have had some soul searching here on the Mississippi situation and have come up with the following decisions, which are subject to further discussion as you may wish.

(1) We have definitely decided to seek funds for the employment of a Southwestern field representative, who would be based, probably, in Louisiana and who would be responsible for implementing our program concerns in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas. This individual would travel widely through this three state area, would attempt to assist or organize local interracial groups, and when and if it becomes feasible, work toward the establishment of independent state councils in these states one day. Of course, this plan would take some time to implement, if we are able to secure the funds.

(2) In the meantime we will continue to cooperate with you in any way we can, and this specifically includes some funds to assist with our projected state meeting in Mississippi this fall, or other similar meetings that may take place.

Let me know if we need to talk further about these matters.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:um

August 18, 1961

Mr. Gustave F. Falk
American Jewish Committee
Southwest Regional Council
523 Fidelity Building
Dallas 2, Texas

Dear Gus:

We are very grateful for the material which you and your assistant have sent us from Dallas. It has been quite useful here in Atlanta and also, I believe, in New Orleans. If another of the booklets ("Dallas at the Crossroads") is available, would you send a copy to Mr. Lester Kabacoff, Edgar Stern Family Fund, 521 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

I did have fine resolves for visiting Dallas but am again caught up in the usual rush in August, with particular concerns for the Atlanta situation. I will get to Dallas this fall and will try to come at a time convenient to you, but this will have to wait until after school opening.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

August 18, 1961

Mr. Lester Kabacoff
Edgar Stern Family Fund
521 Royal Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Kabacoff;

Paul Rilling has asked me to let you know that he will be in New Orleans during the latter part of next week - Friday and Saturday, the 25th and 26th.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Services

MM;s

August 18, 1961

Mrs. R. C. Lancaster
1464 Madrid Street
New Orleans 22, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Lancaster:

Paul Rilling has asked me to let you know that he will be in New Orleans during the latter part of next week - Friday and Saturday, August 25th and 26th.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Services

MM:s

August 18, 1961

Mr. Andy Rogers
317 International Trade Mart Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Rogers:

We thought you would like to see the enclosed booklet; however, we must ask you to return it as soon as possible, for our files.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Services

MM:s
Enclosure: Dallas at the Crossroads

August 18, 1961

Mr. P. B. Dimsdale
Dun & Bradstreet
P. O. Box 6187, Station H
Atlanta 8, Georgia

Dear Mr. Dimsdale:

In regard to your telephone conversation with Mr. Dunbar this morning, he asked that I send you the enclosed copy of our current balance sheet and a list of the Board Members of the Southern Regional Council, Inc., for your information.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth House Alexander
Secretary-Treasurer

RHA/hs
Enclosures: 2

August 21, 1961

Mr. Heslip Lee
Virginia Council on Human Relations
3-B Broad-Grace Arcade Building
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Mr. Lee:

Various materials on the origins, aims, and activities of SRC are enclosed, together with a report on state councils prepared for our Executive Committee (which for several weeks we have intended to send state councils when time permitted). Five hundred copies of "This I Believe" are being forwarded to you via Parcel Post.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Services

Enclosures

August 21, 1961

ALL MA

sit-ins; Patrick report on Winston-Salem, N. C.

We have just received 100 copies of this report, which we have been without for a long, long time. These 100 copies may be the last we can ever obtain. They should be used to fill requests from people doing serious research on the sit-ins: college and graduate students writing theses, newspaper and magazine writers. So please give them out sparingly!

ML
PR
MM
JF
Research staff

August 21, 1961

W. W. Wharton, Jr.
Department of Public Instruction
Seminole County
Sanford, Florida

Dear Mr. Wharton:

We do not have the full text of General Clay's address available for distribution.

We suggest you contact General Clay's office in New York at 100 East 42nd Street.

I am sorry we could not be of service to you.

Sincerely,

JF:s

Janet Feagans
Secretary to the
Director of Information

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A Council to attain the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South

MEMORANDUM August 21, 1961

To: Members of the Council
From: Paul Anthony, Executive Assistant

The dates for the Annual Meeting of the Council have been set as directed by the By-Laws, and approved by the Executive Committee. They are Wednesday and Thursday, November 8 and 9. Details of the meeting will be sent to you later. We did, however, want you to know of these dates well in advance. Please place them on your calendar and plan to attend if at all possible. The Council will, of course, be responsible for all expenses involved.

The Nominating Committee will meet in late September to select officers and members of the Executive Committee. The Nominating Committee will also have before it the matter of re-election of Members of the class of 1961, and the filling of vacancies: the By-Laws require that at least five new Members be elected each year.

In this regard, we would like to have your suggestions for new Members. If you will send your suggestions to me, I will see that they are presented to the Nominating Committee. Please include as much information as possible about the person or persons whom you recommend.

The Nominating Committee consists of:

Thomas W. Young, Norfolk Journal and Guide
Raymond Wheeler, M. D., Charlotte, N. C.
H. V. Richardson, President, Interdenominational Theological Seminary
H. Franklin Williams, Vice President, University of Miami
Stephen J. Wright, President, Fisk University

We hope to see you on November 8th.

PA/sm

August 22, 1961

Mrs. Ruth Perlmutter
9540 Carlyle Avenue
Surfside, Florida

Dear Ruth:

This is just a note to express my appreciation for the all-too-brief sojourn in Miami. I regret very much I could not stay for the week-end. If our conversation and the meeting Thursday night are indicative, you have made a good start toward completing the study within the somewhat unrealistic period we suggested.

The look of alarm upon your face did not escape me when I mentioned the the desire to have some material sent within the next few days. It is understandable that you would feel somewhat rushed, but it is important to begin processing and sending through materials as they are collected. Otherwise, there will be too much of a backlog for you to handle the last few days. It ill becomes an experienced procrastinator, such as I am, to talk about deadlines; but I do think you will find it much easier if you will send at once whatever you have available, marked appropriately so that it can be filed in accordance with the numbers on the questions we sent to you earlier.

The talk with Dean Williams was pretty informative and somewhat exciting. In nearly every case of this sort there is a "behind the scenes" story which is fascinating to hear even though we know it can never be published.

All in all, the trip to Miami was a very pleasant experience, due primarily to you and to Bill and Beryl Williams and their lovely family, to whom I send best regards.

Sincerely yours,

C. H. Parrish
Consultant

CHP:a

August 22, 1961

Professor Art Gallaher, Jr.
Department of Sociology & Anthropology
University of Houston
Houston 4, Texas

Dear Art:

Your letters and materials continue to keep our spirits up in an otherwise uncertain situation. We will start on the inquiry you suggested in respect to the policies of Sears and Prudential, but this may take some time and we can give no promise that we will have results in time for you to use them.

From the beginning we have been aware of the difficulties involved in using volunteers who have their own personal obligations to fulfill and who are perhaps not too skilled in scientific interviewing. We will just have to do the best we can, and if the study falls short of our expectations on this score, there is nothing we can do about it. There is one small concern about materials deriving from an interview with a discharged postal clerk. I have no doubt that the facts surrounding his dismissal are much as he has stated them. But nevertheless we would be suspect to place too much reliance upon them without substantiation. I think we have to be careful on this point because anyone who feels aggrieved because of a real or imagined injustice is likely to give a one-sided view of the circumstances. As we both know, there is always another side and the picture is not complete without it. This reference is not to indicate that I have read the materials you have sent in toto; it just happened that I ran across this item.

At this time we cannot be sure how the material will be organized or who will do the writing. One thing you can be sure of, however, and that is that the anonymity of your informants and the plants they represent will be preserved in accordance with your wishes.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

C. H. Parrish
Consultant

CHP:A

August 22, 1961

Mr. Thomas Gee
335 House Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Gee:

Your letter of July 17 happened to arrive as I began both a period of travel and short vacation. I regret the delay in responding.

Thank you for the commendation of The Federal Executive and Civil Rights. We prepared and distributed it in the hope that persons, such as yourself, within the government would find it useful, and we are glad that you have. As you may have noticed, we were assisted in its writing by a memorandum from Professor Daniel Pollitt of the University of North Carolina Law School; Pollitt has since revised and published his paper, and you may want to look for it in the April issue of the North Carolina Law Review.

You ask for our views on how well the administration appears to be satisfying the objectives outlined in our report. I think that, on the whole, the administration has shown unprecedented interest and vigor regarding civil rights.

I am not, of course, qualified to speak authoritatively on the internal organization of the administration, but I do see evidence that procedures are in being to assure that civil rights and racial relations will be kept close to the attention of the administrators of the various programs. Creation of the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunities has, in particular, been a tremendous administrative improvement.

We have, moreover, admired the work, to date, of that Committee. The potential good that careful, thorough enforcement of non-discrimination in federal and contractor employment can realize seems to have been clearly and fully recognized by the Committee and it's staff.

Equally impressive has been the record of the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice. This division was headed by an able and devoted man in the last years of President Eisenhower's administration. I think, however, that we have not before seen such thoughtful and dedicated enforcement and defence of federal law as there has been since January, and as there promises to continue to be. This is a reflection of the quality of the present staff of the Division, and must surely also be an indication of strong support from the President and the Attorney-General.

We have observed with admiration some other of the administration's activities: the imaginativeness and candor of the U.S.I.A.; the recruitment endeavor on Negro college campuses; the concern for the treatment of non-white foreign diplomats; the attentiveness of some of the Cabinet Secretaries to the effect of their programs on racial relations and civil rights; and, as well, public and personal statements and stands made by Secretaries and other leading persons.

The country has profited too from the personal, quiet consultation of Department of Justice officials with southern political leaders. I would like to see, as our staff member Benjamin Muse said in a recent article in the Washington Post, a much larger and more imaginative effort to exercise the arts of persuasion. We have been gratified also by the several excellent appointments of outstanding Negroes to high office. This has been to some degree offset, however, by certain other appointments; we have seen important executive and judicial offices go to men widely known for their championship of segregation as well as for failure to discharge their official responsibilities during crises of law enforcement.

I would say that our principal regret is that a few offices of great influence over racial relations have done little as yet. I am not aware that the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare have as yet incorporated a deep concern for civil rights and racial relations into any of its programs. Nor has the Housing and Home Finance Agency yet revealed what direction it will take. To the shame of the whole country, the National Guard in southern states remains lily-white. There has not been evidence of change in the policies of the U. S. Employment Service.

Finally, we continue to believe that there would be great, abiding value if the President himself spoke to the country on the need for a full and free development of all our human resources.

Your letter further inquires as to our views regarding reliance on executive action, without seeking new civil rights legislation at the present time. I can speak to this point only as an individual. I believe a strengthening of our laws will be necessary. I think, on the other hand there are valid factors of timing to be considered. There is some wisdon, I believe, in developing to their fullest the powers which the executive now has before determining what additional powers are needed.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:mbb

bcc: Harris Wofford

August 22, 1961

Mrs. Helen Hill Miller
Executive Secretary
The Edgar Stern Family Fund
1299 National Press Building
Washington 4, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Miller:

Mr. Dunbar asked me to send you the enclosed clippings and other materials relating to the school re-openings in the South. I hope that this will be of help to you.

If we can be of further assistance to you in any way, please call on us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Herbert T. Boozer
Research Assistant

mpb

Enc. L-26, L-24, L-21

ENROLLMENT FIGURES

ATLANTA

10 Negro young people - 7 girls and 3 boys - will be entered in 4 previously all-white High Schools. The grades they will enter will be the eleventh and twelfth only. School registration is scheduled for August 29, with the opening date of school set for August 30.

DALLAS

As you will note from one of the enclosed clippings, no enrollment figures are to be released in advance of school opening. Schools will open September 6. After classes have begun, the Superintendent of Schools will announce the enrollment.

PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY

The case is, of course, still in litigation. Attempts by the Federal Government to intervene were denied by Judge Oren Lewis of the Federal District Court in Richmond in July. On August 7, 65 pages of arguments were filed with Judge Lewis by both defendants and plaintiffs. A news account of August 17 indicates that the Justice Department has conferred again with the Prince Edward counsel, but there was no indication as to the meaning or purpose of this conference. Judge Lewis has been quoted as saying that he was not going to enter an order requiring the re-opening of Prince Edward's public schools; "that's going to be determined by the Supreme Court of Virginia, if it's going to be done at all."

August 23, 1961

Mrs. Evelyn Falkowski
1905 Willis Road
Huntsville, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Falkowski:

At the request of Mrs. Eliza Paschall, we are sending you some information on bi-racial committees as they have operated in the South. We hope you will find this information helpful.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

L20, L22, & Approach

August 23, 1961

Mrs. Julia Bohannon
Box 366
Gulfport, Miss.

Dear Mrs. Bohannon:

At the request of Mrs. Eliza Paschall, we are sending you some information on bi-racial committees as they have operated in the South. We hope you will find this information helpful.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

L20, L22, & Approach

August 23, 1961

Mr. Lewis R. Donelson, III
Donelson, Adams, O'Hearn, Grogan & Edwards
Commerce Title Building
Memphis 3, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Donelson:

First, let me say that we regret the delay in replying to your letter of July 26. We have had some staff changes, and this plus the confusion of vacations must be the reason your letter got misplaced and has remained unanswered.

We are sending you under separate cover some items which may be helpful to you, if they are not too late. If we can be of any further help, please try us again.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
L-20, L-22, & Recommended Approach
Price, Toward a Solution of the Sit-in Controversy
Morland, Lunch-Counter Desegregation in .... Texas
Westfeldt, Settling a Sit-in (Nashville, Tenn.)
Patrick, Lunch-Counter Desegregation in Winston-Salem, N. C.
The Student Protest
McMillan, Racial Violence & Law Enforcement

same ltr to: Stephen Wright
Paul Green
Hodding Carter
Benjamin Mays

August 23, 1961 (others dated 24th)

Mr. James Stokely
405 Clifton Heights
Newport, Tennessee

Dear Jim:

I wonder if you could let us know when you will have finished your contribution to our Civil War Centennial symposium? We are trying to schedule publications for the rest of the year, and would like to know when this may likely be ready.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/sm

August 23, 1961

Mr. George McMillan
P. O. Box 299
Aiken, South Carolina

Dear George:

The history of the exact beginning of HOPE is not easy to come by. The actual fact seems to be that there were at least three independent small groups thinking and talking about the problem and those participating in each claim being the beginning. You will note that on the first page, sixth paragraph, of the enclosed History, there is one theory which is based in fact. Another story which I hear frequently, which is also true, is that HOPE was formed at a gathering of 8 people on an October evening in the living room of Hamilton and Muriel Lokey. The Lokeys have been HOPE stalwarts throughout, and Ham Lokey is a former Atlanta representative, one of a handfull (8 or 12, I forget which) in the state House to vote against school closing in 1956.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Directo$ of Field Activities

PR:mm
Enclosure: "The Beginning of HOPE"

August 23, 1961

Mr. Ocie Lee Smith, Sr.
934 Lee Street
Natchitoches, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Smith:

In our exploration of possible job situations that might interest you, we learned that the National Sharecroppers Fund had planned to offer you a position, but learned that you had already found suitable employment. Be sure and let me know if this is not accurate, so that we may continue to keep our eyes open if necessary.

Best wishes for the future.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

August 23, 1961

Mrs. Alice Spearman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I am properly reproved by your letter of August 22 and I hasten to confirm the date of September 30 for your program workshop. My recollection of our conversation is a bit vague at this point, so help me as your plans develop by indicating specific topics, directions, and emphases that would be of greatest help.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

August 23, 1961

This not ours

Mr. Fred Reed
Star-News Newspapers, Inc.
Wilmington, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Reed:

We are delighted that you are pleased with our Southern Schools: Progress and Problems. I'm not sure about the tables and charts which seem incomplete to you, but it may be that they are not quite up-to-date.

I don't think we have anything on the "Quality Education Program" or anything particular on North Carolina integration which you have not seen.

I think since your letter you may have received some more material from us.

Of course, we are very grateful for your interest and wish you more and more freedom in covering segragation.

Yours truly,

ML/jf

Margaret Long
Director of Information

August 23, 1961

Mr. Edwin T. Randall
Friendly World Broadcasting
122 North Providence Road
Wallingford, Penn.

Dear Ed,

Les, Eliza Paschall, Margaret Boozer and C. H. Parrish and I heard your Atlanta tape the other day and liked it very much.

Les seemed to think it sagged a little on Judy Neiman and Hamilton Lokey but picked up briskly after that. Eliza Paschall seemed a little distressed at the O.A.S.I.S. people's version of their work, because she feels they haven't done enough and was disappointed, perhaps because there wasn't any expression of an extra liberal viewpoint and definite welcome of the Negro child to school. This is, of course, no criticism of the tape but of the mild approach of the O.A.S.I.S. people. C. H. seemed to like it.

I enjoyed it and thought it would be quite interesting around here. We all thought it might be even more valuable in other Georgia cities who have yet to desegragate. I found the interview with Mrs. Shelton (or whatever her name is) and Fran Breeden quite moving. I thought you pulled a lot of honest feeling out of them. It seems to me the whole tape was very nicely and artfully tied up into a picture of what is happening here.

Betty Harris of O.A.S.I.S. is quite enthusiastic about the tape and is writing you about it.

Les's daughter's name is Linda.

My best to Mrs. Randall.

Sincerely,

ML/jf

Margaret Long
Director of Information

August 23, 1961

Dr. George A. Gullette
Department of Social Sciences
North Carolina State College
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Gullette:

Your admirer, Carl deVane, sent me a copy of your very interesting piece in The News and Observer. I found it fresh, thoughtful and uncommonly honest.

We would like very much to use a condensation of it in the New South, the Southern Regional Council monthly magazine. It is so interesting and well written that I wouldn't attempt to cut it myself. I wonder if you would do this for us? It would spread the good word and give us a lively, little article for the New South---say, about three double spaced pages. It would be a labor of love which you might perform for the cause as we don't have any funds for the best of writers.

Yours truly,

ML/jf

Margaret Long
Director of Information

August 24, 1961

Mrs. C. J. McMath
403 East 4th Street
Sheridan, Indiana

Dear Mrs. McMath:

We no longer have the pamphlet, Answers for Action, in stock.

Under separate cover, I am sending you other materials which correspond with this particular pamphlet. I hope this is agreeable with you and that you will find the materials sufficient.

If we can be of further service to you, please let us know.

Yours truly,

JF:s

Janet Feagans
Secretary to the
Director of Information

August 24, 1961

Mrs. S. M. Harmon
Secretary
Southeastern Jurisdiction
Wesleyan Service Guild
2179 Poplar, Apt. 44
Memphis 4, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Harmon:

Due to the illness and passing of her husband, Mrs. Tilly is out of the office. However, in discussing your letter with her, she wishes you to know that she appreciates your prayers for success in the workshop, and expresses regrets of your not being able to attend.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Nobbie H. Morgan
Secretary to Mrs. Tilly

/nm

August 24, 1961

Mrs. Eliza Paschall
Executive Director
Atlanta Council on Human Relations
41 Exchange Place S.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Paschall:

In connection with the Employment Study which is being conducted, there was a promise of $250 to each of the cities in order to help to finance the operation. The Atlanta group is under the direction of Dr. Carl Holman. We are enclosing our check for $250, made out to the Atlanta Council, and suggest that this amount be sent on to him immediately, as he needs it for interviewers and other expenses.

Sincerely yours,

C. H. Parrish
Consultant, SRC

CHP:A
Enclosure: check $250

August 24, 1961

Miss Katherine Jones
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Miss Jones:

Paul Rilling has asked me to forward you any material we have on the Columbia, Tennessee race riots of 1947-48. From a check of our clip files, I suspect that the riot in which you are interested was the one in February, 1946, instead, for news-clips don't reflect any information on Columbia riots in either 1947 or 1948. We have extensive clips on the '46 riot, and I am sending you a few selected clippings and items which seem to cover the story. Let me know if you need further coverage. You might be interested in checking the account in The Negro Yearbook for 1947, pp. 246-253, if one is available to you.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Services

MM:s
Enclosures

August 24, 1961

Miss Mary Lena Wisehart
25 West Villa Place
Fort Thomas, Kentucky

Dear Miss Wisheart:

Mrs. Tilly has been out of the office due to the illness and passing of her husband. However, in discussing your letter of August 8 with her, she feels that in view of her plans the date of the "Fellowship of the Concerned" Workshop can not be changed. She also agrees with you that absentee ballot is the answer.

Mrs. Tilly is indeed looking forward to seeing you in November.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Nobbie H. Morgan
Secretary to Mrs. Tilly

/nm

Good followup

August 24, 1961

Mr. Herman Pollack
Deputy Assistant Secretary,
  Personnel
Department of State
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Pollack:

We would like to receive a copy of your press release #579 of August 18, 1961, which gives statistics on employment of Negroes within the civil service and foreign service.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

August 24, 1961

Dr. Elsie M. Watters
Associate Professor of Statistics
Tulane University
New Orleans, La.

Dear Professor Watters:

We would like very much to receive a copy of the economic data report on population, employment, income, agriculture, construction, electri energy, finance, fisheryproducts, foreign trade, manufacturing, minerals and motor vehicles compiled by you and covering 1830 through 1960. We understand the reporte includes statistical information on Mississippi and Arkansas as well as Louisiana, and compares totals of the three-state area with national figures.

We have a great many requests for information on southern economics, and would find a copy of your report extremely interesting and a helpful addition to our files.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

August 24, 1961

Office of the Chief of Police
Town Hall Police District
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sirs:

We are extremely interested in a report of a study which was undertaken in the Town Hall Police District on the correlation between Southern white migrants and arrests. Would it be possible for us to receive a copy of this study? We would be glad to pay any charges, if you will let us know the cost.

We are enclosing a copy of a publication of ours that may be of interest to you: McMillan, Racial Violence and Law Enforcement.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

pls let me know
how the hospitals
were selected?

August 24, 1961

Mr. Charles H. Frenzel, Superintendent
Duke Hospital
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Frenzel:

The Southern Regional Council is making a survey of teaching hospitals in the South to determine the degree of participation of Negro doctors, interns and nurses in training and service programs.

We should appreciate your cooperation in completing the enclosed questionnaire and returning it to us at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours truly,

Geofrey Heard

GH:jr
Enc.

______________________ Name of Hospital

______________________ City and State

______________________ Date

1. Are Negro interns trained in your hospital?____________________

2. Are there any restrictions on the Negro interns in the care of patients?______________________
   If yes, what are these restrictions?

3. Are Negro doctors permitted to use the hospital facilities in any way?____
   If yes, please specify.

4. Are Negro nurses employed in your hospital?________Are their services restricted in any way? Please specify.

5. Are Negro nurses trained in your hospital?___________________

6. Are there other hospitals in your state operating to any degree on a desegregated basis?____________If yes, we should appreciate your listing them.

PLEASE RETURN TO:
Geofrey A. Heard, Research
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Letter~~s~~ and questionnaire were sent to Administrators and Directors of the following hospitals on August 24, 1961:

1. Duke Hospital - Durham, North Carolina
2. North Carolina Memorial Hospital - Chapel Hill, North Carolina
3. Vanderbilt University Hospital - Nashville, Tennessee
4. Charity Hospital - New Orleans, Louisiana
5. J. Hollis Miller Health Center - Gainesville, Florida
6. University Hospital - Jackson, Mississippi
7. University Hospital and Hillman Clinics - Birmingham, Alabama
8. Medical College Hospital - Charleston, South Carolina
9. Medical College of Virginia Hospital - Richmond, Virginia
10. Louisville General Hospital - Louisville Kentucky
11. Jackson Memorial Hospital - Miami, Florida
12. University Hospital - Little Rock, Arkansas
13. University of Texas Hospital M.D. Anderson Hospital - Houston, Texas
14. Memorial Baptist Hospital - Houston, Texas
15. Baylor University Medical Center of Dallas - Dallas, Texas
16. University of Texas Medical Branch Hospitals - Galveston, Texas

Geofrey Heard

GH:jr
Enc. Questionnaire and stamped envelope

August 25, 1961

Mr. John Yungblut
Friends Center
1384 Fairview Road
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear John:

. Enclosed is our check in the amount of $200.00 as agreed upon in our earlier discussion.

This is intended to help defray the cost of your liaison role with regional agencies.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:mbb
Enc. 1.

August 25, 1961

Mr. Galen Martin
Executive Director
Commission on Human Rights
168 Capitol Annex Building
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Martin:

We have forwarded a copy of the job description sheet for your Assistant Director position to Mr. Matt Wohl, who seems to us to be highly qualified. His academic background includes a B.A. in Human Relations from the University of Miami and an M.A. from NYU, also in Human Relations. His present address is 1617 Brickell Ave., Miami, Florida. I should imagine that he will contact you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Sec.
Field Activities

August 25, 1961

Mr. Mat Wohl
1617 Brickell Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Wohl;

Paul Rilling suggests that you may be interested in a~~n~~ new opening with the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights, described on the enclosed sheet.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Services

MM:s
Enc.

August 28, 1961

The President's Committee On
Equal Employment Opportunity
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

We received your Newsletter No. 2, dated July-August, 1961, and find it very interesting.

We would appreciate your sending us another copy of this Newsletter at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

mbb

August 28, 1961

Mr. Herbert Jenkins, Chief
Department of Police
City of Atlanta
125 Decatur Street, S.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Herbert,

May we have three press cards so we can look in on school opening Wednesday? We have, you know, several writers who handle our magazine and various reports, and some of us would like to get as close as we can to the desegragation. We would like cards for Mrs. Dorothy Tilly, Paul Anthony and me.

Thanks again for giving our foreign visitors such an interesting hour.

Sincerely,

ML/jf

Margaret Long
Director of Information

August 29, 1961

Mr. Fred Travis
The Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Travis:

We would like very much to receive a copy of the report compiled for you by the Tennessee State Planning Commission on three of Tennessee's four cities: Chattanooga, Memphis, and Nashville. Our research department has many requests for this kind of information, and a copy of the report would be extremely helpful to us.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

article in Chatt. Times
8-28-61
re % non-whites in state
+ 3 cities, flight to
suburbs, etc.
1950-1960

August 29, 1961

Mr. John H. Kerr, III
Business Manager
The North Carolina Law Review
University of North Carolina Press
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Mr. Kerr:

Thank you for your letter of August 13; we are enclosing our check for $1.25 for one copy of Number 3, Volume 39 which contains the article by Dan Pollitt.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Enclosure: check
thermafax, letter Dan Pollitt

August 29, 1961

Mrs. Willie Williams
828 West 39th Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Williams:

Yours is the first and only communication I have received from anyone from your Institute. No findings have ever come to me, nor do I know to whom to write to get them.

Perhaps you can find them, and if you still want them mimeographed, we will be glad to do it.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:nm

August 29, 1961

Billie dear,

I'm sure you could tell that we were all enchanted with your delightful party. Even our weary-eyed Mr. Mende exhibited uncommon enthusiasm for the excellent talk, food, and drink. We were very pleased to show off your friends to him. I think it was the nicest mixing and mingling I've been to in a long time and should be good news of our benighted South in Paris.

Thanks again from all of us for a delightful evening and contribution to the Cause.

Fondly,

ML/jf Margaret Long

P. S. Let's you and me sit down some evening and talk it over.

Mrs. W. C. Thomas
10 Anderson Avenue, SW
Atlanta, Georgia

Department

August 29, 1961

Mrs. Helen Thompson
Assistant Director
Dept. of Personnel
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Helen,

I hope you'll forgive me for passing up the City Hall visit Friday afternoon. We ran way behind and our visitors were late and gasping by the time we got to Chief Jenkins. I should have called you sooner but we were so busy meeting about I didn't get a chance at the phone. I do hope this wasn't a bad inconvenience for you. If you'll help us again, I promise to be more reliable and prompt.

Again, I'm sorry and thank you so much.

Sincerely,

ML/jf

Margaret Long
Director of Information

Veterans Administration

August 29, 1961

Mr. Roy McNulty
V. A. Center
Dublin
Georgia

Dear Mr. McNulty:

Thanks so much for your letter about my new job. I'm delighted with it.

The news about your book is interesting and I wish you good luck with it.

Sincerely,

ML/jf

Margaret Long
Director of Information

August 29, 1961

Mrs. David Neiman
3640 Cloudland Drive, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Judy,

Thanks so much for the "Background: Atlanta." It looks fine to me, and I've heard lots of compliments on it. John McKenzie is particularly pleased with your prose and ideas in the pamphlet, and so am I.

Do come by and see us soon.

Sincerely,

ML/jf

Margaret Long
Director of Information

August 29, 1961

Mr. George Goodwin
Vice President
First National Bank
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear George,

We are all very grateful for the interesting luncheon you treated our foreign visitors to. I think the Lewises and Mr. Koesen were both entertained and edified and we, of course, were very pleased to have them encounter your viewpoint and meet your friends. I think it was a very nice stroke for good feeling from here to Johannesburg and Sumatra.

I hope we can hit you again when I can come too.

Sincerely,

ML/jf

Margaret Long
Director of Information

August 29, 1961

Mr. Louis Lomax
American Broadcasting Company
Television Department
West 66th Street
New York 23, New York

Dear Louis,

Here is what voting information we have, which you asked for when you were in Atlanta. I'm sorry to be so late with it. I thought I'd have a chance to hand it to you, but you got away from us sooner than we thought you would.

We are waiting very eagerly for your TV piece---and for you to come back to Atlanta too.

Yours,

ML/jf

Margaret Long
Director of Information

August 29, 1961

Mr. A. G. McLemore
8817 Pembroke
Detroit 21, Michigan

Dear Mr. McLemore:

Enclosed are the clips I promised to send you some time ago (vacations and an illness have intervened). I hope you will find these helpful. We are now in process of writing up a report on the sit-ins, and this includes the various boycotts that were a part of the sit-in movement. These clips are in use, and I have not been able to get all of them together in order to copy them. If you will let me know how much time you have, I will send you the report we make, and some additional clips later, if this will not be too late for the survey you are now engaged in.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Enclosed:
  News clips
  magazine clips
  Patrick, Lunch-Counter Desegregation in Winston-Salem, N. C.
    (We were out of this when I sent you materials before.)

LWD ✓
fyi

August 29, 1961

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays
President
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mays:

Leslie Dunbar has given me your letter of August 28 to him, stating that you did not receive the copy of Mr. Dabbs' letter we mailed out to the symposium writers on July 14. I am very sorry about this--I know the letters were mailed to all six of you. I did, however, put on each envelope "please forward" because so many of you are away from your offices for long periods of time, especially in the summer. I am mailing you today another copy of Mr. Dabbs' letter, and the letter from Ben Muse which he wished sent to you also.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Enclosures:
  thermafax, letter from Leslie Dunbar
     "   letter from Ben Muse
  Carbon copy, Mr. Dabbs' letter

August 30, 1961

Mr. Franklin D. Kreutzer
1201 S. W. 11th Street
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Kreutzer:

Your letter to Harold Fleming, regarding materials on "A Constitutional and Historical Analysis of Interposition and Nullification," followed him to Washington (where he is now directing the Taconic Institute) and came back to us for reply. I am sorry we have been a little slow, but we have been unusually busy here, with the school desegregation, and your inquiry did take some time and researching in our files.

Enclosed you will find some thermafax copies of newsclips of 1956 which may be helpful. Interposition as a means of evading school desegregation flashed off to a start with the endorsement of four Southern governors who conferred in Richmond at the invitation of Virginia's Governor Stanley in January, 1956. The governors were: Timmerman, South Carolina; Griffin, Georgia; Coleman, Mississippi; and Stanley.

You probably already have found that the two most helpful items are two court decisions: Brown v. Board of Education, 347 U.S. 483, 74S. Ct. 686, 98 L.Ed. 873 (the Supreme Court's opinion in the second Little Rock case); and the lower court opinion in the New Orleans' case, Orleans Parish School Board, etc., v. Bush; United States, etc. v. State of Louisisna in Race Relations Law Reporter, Vol. 5, 1960, p. 1008.

Attached is a list of suggested reading, and enclosed with the news clips are several of our publications.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Enclosed:

newsclips, Virginia Education file, 1956, on Interposition
School Desegregation: the first six years (see p.27: Little Rock
c case)

New South: Feb., 1956, "Madison and Interposition"
June, 1956, "The Interposition Gambit," Arthur S. Miller
Feb., 1957, "Segregation Legislation in the South," Florence B. Irving
May, 1957, "The Attack on the Segregation Cases," Charles Fairman
Oct., 1957, "South's Alternatives"
Dec., 1957, "The Race Dilemma," Harry S. Ashmore
Nove., 1958, "Resistance Growing to School Closings"
"Virginia Parochial Schools"
Jan., 1959, "North Carolina at Crossroad," Malcolm Seawell
"Alabama Placement Law," Arthur E. Sutherland
March, 1959, "Desegregation or No Public Schools"
"Massive Resistance Reaches Dead End"
May, 1959, "South Increases Propaganda"

Suggested reading:

James Jackson Kilpatrick, The Sovereign States: Notes of a Citizen of Virginia. Henry Regenery & Co., 1957. (There was a review of this in the Yale Law Journal, Vol. 67, No. 8, July, 1958, by Walter F. Murphy, which you will find interesting.

Muse, Virginia's Massive Resistance, Chapter 5, pp. 19-25

Journal of Negro Education

Vol. XXV, No. 2, Spring, 1956--"Desegregation--the South's Newest Dilemma," John Hope Franklin; "Some Basic Issues in Desegregation," Robert C. Weaver; "The Supreme Court Decision and Interposition," Herbert O. Reid

Vol. XXV, No. 3, Summer, 1956--has chapter on each of the states involved in desegregation controversy; each state's reaction and methods of resistance.

Vol. XXVII, No. 2, Spring, 1959--"Virginia's 'Massive Resistance" Laws Declared Unconstitutional"

Vol. XXVIII, No. 4, Fall, 1959--"Integration's Delay and Frustration Tolerance," William H. Robinson

August 30, 1961

Mrs. Wilma Dykeman Stokely
405 Clifton Heights
Newport, Tennessee

Dear Wilma:

Enclosed are some state registration totals. I checked these not long ago with the Commissioner of Civil Rights and at that time they had no later information.

Georgia has discontinued keeping registration figures by race. Mississippi's estimates are of the most inexpert order; these are the figures commonly quoted. A new survey is underway in North Carolina but not yet available. South Carolina has decinnial registration, the last being in 1958. Since then there has been a small but steady growth in Negro registration but figures are not available: a figure now more or less believed is 62,000. Tennessee, as you know, is statistical chaos. Latest data on Texas is our 1958 survey.

I don't have any original or profound thoughts. All of us have been relying, for the past several years, on a stock of ideas about voting that has not recently been replenished. I do think we need to stop talking so much about Negro "apathy". Negroes who can freely register and vote and do not are less apathetic, in my observation, than disillusioned. They don't see the tangible fruits of their ballot, they practically never share in the spoils of victory, and they often are presented with no meaningful choice.

Let me know if I can help in any way with your article.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:MBB

August 30, 1961

Mr. Leo M. Coogan, Secretary
Edgar Stern Family Fund
521 Royal Street
New Orleans 16, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Coogan:

We acknowledge receipt of your two letters of August 25, 1961.

Regarding the one which refers to travel expenses of Mr. Paul Rilling, we shall, if satisfactory to you, submit a statement prior to December 31, 1961 combining all costs.

Regarding your second letter, we note your pledge, one dollar for each dollar of funds raised by us, to be used toward educating the New Orleans citizens to meet the public school crisis, up to the amount of $5,000.00.

We wish to inform you that we have in hand a check from the Taconic Foundation in the amount of $3,000.00, specified for the same purpose.

Your letter states your understanding that we have on hand $4,279.00. I assume this refers to the Taconic grant plus $1,279.00 which has been raised locally in New Orleans and is held by SOS. We understand that this $1,279.00 is to be included in the amount you will match under your grant; if so, your check can be made out in the amount of $4,279.00.

We have no expectation of raising additional funds for this purpose.

On the other hand, we are authorized by the New World Foundation to spend, according to our judgment, up to $1,000.00 for unplanned, emergency needs that may arise in the New Orleans school crisis. If we do so, we shall promptly notify you and you may determine whether any of such expenditure will be matched by you.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:MBB

cc: Mrs. Edgar B Stern
Mr. Edgar B. Stern, Jr.
Mrs. Helen Hill Miller

August 30, 1961

Mr. John Lassoe
NAIRO
Room 209, 426 West 58th Street
New York 19, New York

Dear John:

Three of us are constituted a subcommittee to plan procedures for an Atlanta local chapter. Please send sample bylaws of other local groups, information on their activities, and so forth. We will move formally in about a month.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

August 30, 1961

Mrs. Mabel Reese
128 Orange Avenue
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mabel:

Feel free to visit our offices as often as you wish so that you may have sufficient data for more of your editorials. We are very grateful for your nice long editorial about the Council. I hope it gets wide circulation.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

August 30, 1961

Dr Crawford Brock
Harbin Clinic
Rome, Georgia

Dear Dr. Brock:

At the request of Mr Joseph Hass we are sending you the enclosed material on the Southern Regional Council, and several of our recent publications.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mbb
cc: Joseph Haas

Enc.: School Desegregation:
  The First Six Years.
  Racial Violence and Law
    Enforcement
  SRC- Origin and Aims
  SRC - Officers and Board
  SRC - Special Report
    The Freedom Ride - May, 1961

August 30, 1961

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Thank you for the clipping on Charles Daniel's statement. It looks like a highly significant statement coming from this source. We are suggesting that Ben Muse contact Mr. Daniel sometime in the near future. We would like a full copy of his remarks. Would you advise that we write him directly, or could this be secured through South Carolina channels?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

August 30, 1961

Mr. William Bagwell
American Friends Service Committee
1818 S. Main Street
High Point, N. C.

Dear Bill:

Your 1961-62 school desegregation program seems to me to be practical and realistic. The two emphases hit directly on what seem to me the most important tasks.

As to how we could help, I feel strongly that Brewbaker could be of assistance and would be willing to visit with the school people in these communities. You would invite Brewbaker's help through Ben Muse. I assume you sent Ben a copy of your proposed program.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

August 30, 1961

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Marion:

We are returning your list of school officials, as you request. We are putting them on an appropriate mailing list for some of our materials.

I have suggested to Bill Bagwell that Brewbaker would be of considerable service in this effort.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR:mm
Enclosure

August 30, 1961

Miss Mary Jordan
11605 SW 35th
Portland, Oregon

Dear Miss Jordan:

Mr. Dunbar has asked me to reply to your letter concerning job possibilities in this field. We will be happy to talk to you when you are in Atlanta and to do what we can to case the employment possibilities.

Frankly, we do not at the moment know anything in the way of staff openings in the human relations field in the Atlanta area. We will keep our eyes open and can put you in touch with the other agencies when you arrive.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

August 30, 1961

Mrs. Helen Hill Miller
Executive Secretary
The Edgar Stern Family Fund
1299 National Press Building
Washington 4, D. C.

Dear Helen:

You wrote a good article for The Economist. I hope it is run intact.

Thanks for all you have done on the New Orleans matter. I am glad that it has finally been worked out. I wish I could be optimistic that the efforts plus dollars will bear good fruit. Somehow I can't shake my brooding pessimism about that city.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Secretary

LWD:MBB

August 30, 1961

Rev. C. Herbert Oliver, Secretary
Inter-Citizens Committee
Box 1443
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Oliver:

I showed your letter of August 21 to the Justice Department and they have requested a copy. This being so, I think it would be inadvisable for you to quote from my letter of August 18 until there has been a chance for me to hear futher from Justice.

I will keep you posted.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Secretary

LWD:MBB

bdd: Burke Marshall
P.S.

Dear Burke: Do you have any objection to his quoting from your letter? Would you like to have one of your people talk to this man directly? Would you want me to get any further word to him?

ABRAM

August 30, 1961

Mr. David F. Freeman
Oyster Bay Drive
Rumson, New Jersey

Dear Dave:

Do fill in Max Hahn if you have not already done so, in your own discreet way.

I plan to talk to Morris Abrams here, perhaps next week.

We drafted something which got off yesterday to John Wheeler and as soon as he gives me his comments I will be sending it up to you and would appreciate your critique. In the meantime we have talked it over with Joe Haas, our legal counsel.

The letter from S.N.C.C. to Ottinger, which you enclosed, is of interest.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:MBB

August 31, 1961

Mr. Ernest E. Lent, Jr. Director
Dept. of Community Service - USA
Unitarian Service Committee, Inc
9 Park Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Earnie:

Thank you for your good letter of August 17.

I will be looking forward to seeing you when you are in Atlanta. Why don't you give me a call as soon as you get into town.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:MBB

August 31, 1961

Professor Allen D. Grimshaw
Department of Sociology
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Professor Grimshaw:

Plans for your meetings seem to be coming along excellently. The only thing I can add at this time regarding my participation is that I recently received an inquiry regarding the possibility that I might speak at a race relations institute at Earlham College, sponsored jointly by Earlham and Antioch.

The dates were tentative, as indeed the whole idea presently seems to be, but they begin with early March, and if consecutive dates at Earlham and at your campus were a possibility, that would double the chances that I might be able to come.

At any rate, I re-affirm our commitment to send someone sometime between November and March.

Enclosed is a list of names of some students who might be suitable speakers. I have put a red check beside those whom I know personally and can recommend.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:mbb
Enc.

August 31, 1961

The Rev. Claude W. Warren
Plymouth Place
315 North LaGrange Road
LaGrange, Illinois

Dear Mr. Warren:

I was so glad to find your letter when I returned to the office after being out a while and to know that you have NOT retired--I don't believe you ever can--people are not going to let you!

We would indeed like to see your story in its rewritten form. Right now we are all real proud of Atlanta's response to school integration. It took much effort by many people over a period of two years--but it has really paid off. And, of course, you have to have the people willing to give leadership before such an extended effort will work.

You will note by the new address that we have moved. We have much nicer, air-conditioned offices now, across the street from the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, and more space too. It has meant a great deal to our morale, because the offices are new and fresh and CLEAN. The old building, as you remember, was very dirty and dingy.

I am checking on your New South subscription and will send you some back copies under separate cover.

Sincerely,

M A

Air mail - Special Delivery

August 31, 1961

Mrs. Wilma Dykeman Stokely
405 Clifton Heights
Newport, Tennessee

Dear Wilma:

My face is very red! I was not cognizant until today that our research people have been gathering in some later figures.

Please tear up the table of figures I sent you yesterday.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:mhb
Enc.

August 31, 1961

Mr. Harold Kramer
Director
American Jewish Congress
Southeastern Region
111 N. E. 2nd Avenue, Room 906
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Kramer:

For the last few years Southern regional agencies and national agencies with Southern programing in the area of human relations have been gathering together three or four times a year for the purpose of discussing their mutual concerns and sharing information on their respective programs. The meetings are informal and unofficial, but have been helpful, we feel, in keeping us in touch with each other and helping us to explore the needs.

The Southern Interagency Conference is very loosely structured. We select a chairman to serve each year. Presently, Mrs. Jean Russell, of the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church in the USA, is chairman. The dubies of secretary rotate from meeting to meeting. The Southern Regional Council serves as secretariat in making housekeeping arrangements.

Your predecessor was a participant in our sessions and we hope that you can be with us at the September meeting and subsequently.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:[redacted]
Enc.

August 31, 1961

The Rev. Carl J. Landes
5605 Oak Street
Guilford College, N. C.

Dear Carl:

For the last few years Southern regional agencies and national agencies with Southern programing in the area of human relations have been gathering together three or four times a year for the purpose of discussing their mutual concerns and sharing information on their respective programs. The meetings are informal and unofficial, but have been helpful, we feel, in keeping us in touch with each other and helping us to explore the needs.

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Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm
Enclosures

August 31, 1961

Mrs. Werner Friedmann
901 Burdette Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Friedmann;

During my recent visit to New Orleans we had some general conversation concerning a possible survey of the cost to the community of the tension and turbulence in New Orleans last year. Our thinking on the matter is as follows; (1) One of the arguments most frequently advanced in favor of dignified acceptance of federal court desegregation orders is the contnetion that racial tension and violence are bad for business and can seriously affect the economic growth of the community concerned. This argument is difficult to prove or to disprove. Was it borne out by events in New Orleans last year? (2) To some extent Southern communities are learning by experience. If New Orleans paid a price for the dissension and resistance of 1960-61, the people of New Orleans and of the South can learn from this experience. Other Southern communities in future years can learn from New Orleans as they have learned other lessons from Little Rock and from Norfolk.

In Little Rock, following the crisis of 1957, the Womens' Emergency Committee issued an analysis of the price that was paid by that community. This analysis has been most helpful to Atlanta, Dallas and other Southern cities facing similar problems. We believe that a similar analysis could be conducted in New Orleans, as it was in Little Rock, by competent volunteers. We would be willing to assist in the preparation of the final tabulations and conclusions.

There are two primary ways of assessing economic cost. One is to examine the official data on sales, business activity, etc., as contained in the reports of the Federal Reserve bank, etc.. Another is to talk to businessmen in various types of business activity and ask them how they were affected, how they believe that the city was affected, etc.. We would attempt to analyze the official data. We are suggesting that the Council of Jewish WWmen, perhaps in cooperation with other civic groups, might be willing to handle the interviews with businessmen.

We would be willing to assist in the development of a questionnaire which could be filled out during an interview with business leaders. The interviewees could be assured that their names would not be used. The questions might seek to learn whether his business suffered last year, whether he feels that business generally was affected, whether he believes there has been any discouragement of new industry coming to New Orleans, etc.. Where possible, specific facts as to how and to what degree there was (or was not) any adverse effect on business should be sought. There might be special emphasis on the tourist industry.

Any analysis of the cost of the crisis should properly include other aspects in addition to the business situation. What happened to the children? How many may have lost a year of schooling, etc..

We would be willing to develop a questionnaire which you could then revise from your own knowledge and experience. We would also be willing to conduct a training session for the ladies who are willing to serve as interviewers. Let me know if you believe that the project has merit and how we can be of service.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

August 31, 1961

Mr. Kenneth Kramer
Managing Editor
Business Week
McGraw-Hill Building
330 West 42nd Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Kramer:

We are interested in getting reprints of an article in the August 5 issue of Business Week: "New Business Ways in the South." Could you let us know if reprints will be available and the prices for quantity orders?

If reprints will not be available, we would like to ask your permission to reproduce the article, by photo off-set.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

August 31, 1961

Mr. Benjamin Muse
P. O. Box 312
Manassas, Virginia

Dear Mr. Muse:

Enclosed is a thermafax of an article in Business Week; Les Dunbar asked me to send it to you and to tell you that I have written the Managing Editor about getting reprints. If reprints are not available, we have requested permission to reproduce this.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

August 31, 1961

Superintendent of Documents
U. S. Government Printing Office
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please send us the latest edition of Statistics of Higher Education: Receipts, Expenditures, and Property-- I am not certain whether this would be for 1959060 or for 1960-61. It is the biennial survey by the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Office of Education.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secfetary
Research

Enclosure: 55¢

September 1, 1961

Dr. Albert W. Dent, President
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Dent:

Responses to our survey on employment opportunities for Negroes in utility and transportation companies have been slow in coming in; perhaps this is vacation time for some offices. However, we have some information which I should like to pass on to you; little as it is, it may serve as a guide to you in your efforts in New Orleans. I am also enclosing a copy of the questionnaire we sent out.

Tampa, Florida reports that a survey of transportation and utility companies is being made, results of which will be forwarded to this office as soon as the information has been received. From other information already obtained by our office we have learned that there are six Negro drivers employed by the Tampa Transit Lines, and these drivers are assigned to whatever runs their seniority entitles them, without restrictions of any kind. In the opinion of the company the program has been completely successful.

Miami indicates that there are no Negro employees in any of the fields indicated on the questionnaire. Indicated on the question sheet was the fact that Daytona does have Negro bus drivers, and we are investigating this further.

There are seven bus drivers in Jacksonville, but no Negroes are employed in a skilled capacity in any of the utility companies. A note on the reply sheet indicates that "in certain areas there are plans being made to use Negro employees."

Richmond, Virginia indicates that there are no Negroes employed in any capacity, but that there is one person in training as a bus driver.

Little Rock, Arkansas gives negative replies to all the questions, but adds the comment that "currently the city has plans for purchasing the transportation system. We have been and are pressing for employment of Negro bus drivers. Work is being done to secure employment with the Telephone Company . . . very little progress. No attempts have been made with other utility companies."

From information in our files, Mobile, Alabama has hired two Negro bus drivers. Recently reported in the Tennessee Council's Newsletter (July-August, 1961) was the fact that Memphis has one Negro bus driver.

Atlanta has employed two Negro bus drivers, but at present has none in training. Perhaps you saw in Business Week for August 5, 1961 the article "New Business Ways in the South," which had a picture of John Babb, "Atlanta's first Negro bus driver." According to the response to our questionnaire, there are no Negroes employed in skilled capacities in public utilities; in April the hiring of a Negro meter reader was authorized, but for some strange reason the individual named was never notified, and the position was filled by some one else. There has been no other authorization.

In cities outside the deep South the picture is somewhat different. Tulsa, Oklahoma has 22 Negro bus drivers, and Oklahoma City also employs Negro drivers. Approximately ten Negroes are employed in utility companies: 2 as installers with the Telephone Company; 2 as meter readers; 4 in white collar jobs "in a separate office" in the electric company; and none in the gas company. Apparently there are no Negroes in training for any of these jobs.

In Washington, D. C. Negroes are employed in all the employment areas. "Exact figures are unknown, because agencies are not allowed to keep race figures."

St. Louis, Missouri employs 143 (?) Negro bus drivers; the utility companies report a varied pattern: Employment with the telephone company has been solely in clerical and stenographic categories; the water company employs no skilled Negro personnel; the electric company employs 30 Negroes in office personnel, and has one meter reader; the gas company does not use skilled Negro personnel, but is "beginning to 'experiment' with Negro office personnel."

Kansas City, Missouri has 5 Negro bus drivers; this is information we have in our files.

As we garner more information, I shall send it on to you. I hope that this will be of help to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Herbert T. Boozer
Research Assistant

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Enc.

Memo from **LESLIE W. DUNBAR**

Margaret Long —

this kind of thing makes good filler (or starter) for New South?

or one page article?

September 1, 1961

Mrs. Mable C. Morley
Leadership Education Department
Presbyterian Church
341-A Ponce de Leon Ave.,N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Morley:

The following of your Synodical Presidents have accepted the invitation to participate in the Fellowship of the Concerned.

Mrs. Julius H. Smith
Mrs. D. R. Freeman
Mrs. R. K.M. Patterson
Mrs. Carl Conrad
Mrs. Martha M. Baldridge

Mrs. James Pierce suggested Mrs. Baldridge, of 132 McCready Ave., Louisville 6, Kentucky, and she has accepted, making only five favorable replies to date. Mrs. Lee W. Reynolds said she was going out of office and would turn the matter over to her successor, but we do not have the name of her successor.

Mrs. Henry Craig, Mrs. Kirton King and Mrs. A. P. Miller do not find it possible to attend.

We have had no reply from the following:

Mrs. J. M. Thompson; Mrs. Lucy Goodwin, and Mrs. I. F. Reed. Follow-up letters will be sent to them next week.

Please accept my apology for the delay in getting this information to you, but in view of Mr. Tilly's illness and passing, I have been delayed in many things.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:nm

R. File

September 1, 1961

Mr. Harold C. Fleming,
Executive Vice President
The Potomac Institute, Inc
353 Shoreham Building
15th & H Streets, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Harold:

The world continues on its miserable way. And, of course, not all events are pleasant. Usually, however, those of us who are adjusted and mature learn to take these things rather philosophically. One could (regretfully) accept, for instance, the fact that your duties and responsibilities would make it impossible for you to attend the Annual Meeting of the Southern Regional Council.

But even those of us with pleasant and even temperments are severely tested on hearing that you can't be with us because of a NAIRO meeting!

We will express your regret to the Members. But, please let us know of some other duty you are performing in San Francisco. The strain of idealism still runs high here South of the Potomac. One simply can't ask Mr. Dabbs to report that you are at a NAIRO meeting.

Would really like to see your new quarters, and no doubt will eventually - when I am vacationing in that area. As for "promoting" a trip, there are a few things around here which haven't changed; I'm still allowed to go to Wadley.

Best to your staff. We miss every one of them down here.

In sadness,

PA;mbb

Paul Anthony,
Executive Assistant

P. S.

Hope in the new quarters you will have electric typewriters. Undoubtedly those two typographical errors in your letter of the 30th were caused - in part- by the use of an outdated manual machine.

September 1, 1961

Mrs. Ben Russell
824 Tusculum Blvd.
Greenville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Russell:

The following of your Presbyterian group have accepted the invitation to participate in the Fellowship of the Concerned.

Mrs. Robert Elly
Mrs. F. J. McGill
Miss Mary C. Willis

This makes a total of four favorable replies including yourself.

Mrs. Clyde Bease will not be able to attend, and others that were invited have not responded either way. We hope to send out a follow-up letter to them next week.

Looking forward to seeing you in November.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:nm

September 1, 1961

Mrs. Robert L. Wilcox
16 Minnekahda Place
Chattanooga 5, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Wilcox:

The enclosed list contains the names of members of your group that accepted the invitation to the Fellowship of the Concerned, and of those who declined the invitation.

Follow-up letters will be sent to those who have not responded either way as soon as possible.

Please accept my apology in getting this information to you, but in view of Mr. Tilly's illness and passing, I have been delayed in many things.

I am indeed looking forward to seeing you in November.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:nm
Enclosure

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE CONCERNED
NOVEMBER 6-7, 1961

Mrs. Thomas M. Rickards, Jr.
721 Kanuga Drive
West Palm Beach, Fla.

Mrs. J. Ward Reese
Millersburg, Kentucky

Mrs. E. Clayton Calhoun(Frankie)
1235 Fifteenth Street
Paine College, Augusta, Ga.

Mrs. C. W. Greenlee
2224 Florida Ave.
Savannah, Ga.

Mrs. Horace Williams (Agnes)
1903 Lombardy Lane
Nashville, Tennessee

Miss Pauline Miller
104 Parker Road
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Mrs. J. M. Carraway
Farmville, N. C.

Mrs. J. Carl Campbell
1312 Gartland Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Mrs. Fred Lemmond
521 S. Main St.
Laurinburg, N. C.

Mrs. Niles Clark
Waterloo, S. C.

~~Mrs. J. Fount Tillman~~
~~RFD, 1, Lewisburg, Tennessee~~

Mrs. E. C. Mills
1835 4th Street
Winston,- Salem, N. C.

Mrs. Broughton Hutchins
1508 Watauga Street
Kingsport, Tennessee

Mrs. Ralph Smith(Eleanor)
21 Malone Circle
Rocky Mount, N. C.

Mrs. H. S. Howie (Ann)
110 Argonne Drive
Greenville, S. C.

Mrs. Albert Roberts
1402 Hawkins Street
Nashville 4, Tennessee

Mrs. W. A. Bales (Carrieleen)
817 North Eugene Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Mrs. Desna Armstrong
446 N. Main Street
Henderson, Ky.

Miss Kathleen Edison
2410 Sewell Road, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Mrs. Harriett Fralix
P. O. Box 707, Fayetteville, N. C.

Mrs. E. L. Glossbrenner
8213 Brookfield Rd.,
Richmond, Virginia

Mrs. Charles M. Henderson
4041 Walnut Grove Circle
Memphis 17, Tennessee

Mrs. Nellie C. Davis
304½ Reynolds Ave, Evergreen, Ala.

Mrs. L. L. Haynes
522 Missouri Ave
Fort Worth, Texas

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS WHO DECLINED INVITATION TO THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE CONCERNED - NOVEMBER 6-7,1961

Mrs. W. B. Atkinson
P. O. Box 487
Marianna, Fla.

Mrs. Wayne A. Lamb
4100 Court
Paducah, Ky.

Mrs. T. E. Shelton (Sara)
Baldwin, Miss.

Miss Jo yce Shook
Hendersonville, N. C.

Mrs. J. W. Hubbard
Box 754
Anderson, S. C.

Miss Rena Mae Campbell
Valdosta, Georgia

Mrs. H. I. Tumlin
Route 5
Box 370 - B
Annistor, Alabama

Mrs. J. Fount Tillman
RFD 1, Lewisburg, Tennessee

September 1, 1961

Mr. Bell I. Wiley
Emory University
Department of History
Atlanta 22, Georgia

Dear Mr. Wiley:

We too are very sorry that you will be unable to attend the Annual Meeting. Actually, a great number of our members, particularly those in the academic circles, are beginning to find our November date a difficult time. It is likely that at this Annual Meeting we will consider a change of date.

We will, of course, inform you of the proceedings of the meeting.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA:mbb

September 1, 1961

Miss Fay Bennett
Executive Secretary
National Sharecroppers Fund, Inc
112 East 19th Street
New York 3, New York

Dear Miss Bennett:

I am sorry things did not work out with Mr. Ocie Lee Smith. I don't know of anyone else to recommend but I will let you know if anyone turns up.

I read your program statement and have no suggestions at all to offer. It is excellent and I found it instructive.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:MBB

September 1, 1961

Col. Francis Pickens Miller
2810 P Street, N.W.
Washington, 7, D. C.

Dear Colonel Miller:

We are very sorry to learn that you will be unable to attend the Annual Meeting, though, of course, we do understand the circumstances.

We shall express your regrets to the members, and inform you of the proceedings of the meeting.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA:mbb

September 1, 1961

Mr. Courtney Siceloff, Director
Penn Community Services, Incorporated
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

We too are sorry to hear that Brewbaker was not able to be of help at Beaufort; with the irony, of course, that he, of all people, would probably be reassuring to the fainthearted. But we can't win them all.

Thanks for the suggestions for new Members. They will be passed on to the Nominating Committee next month.

Incidentally, I am pleased to see that Elizabeth's typing has improved so much. Give her my congratulations.

Sincerely,

PA:mbb

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

September 1, 1961

Mr. Benjamin Muse
P. O. Box 312
Manassas, Virginia

Dear Ben:

It has just occurred to us that you may have taken my memo to the board, concerning suggestions for new members, as merely a matter of information. To the contrary, we are hopeful that you will send along some good suggestions at your convenience.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA:mbb

September 1, 1961

Mr. McNeill Smith
700 Jefferson Standard Building
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear McNeill:

Enclosed are some later notes regarding library desegregation. This is not a complete listing of cities which have desegregated their libraries; it is simply the ones about which we know.

Citation for the police figures is Elliott M. Rudwick, "Negro Police Employment in the Urban South", Journal of Negro Education, spring 1961.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:mbb
Enc. -2-

September 1, 1961

Mrs. Frances Pauley
c/o Mr. James Beittel
7707-A Washington Lane
Philadelphia 17, Pa.

Dear Frances:

Things look rosy here still. Our "success" is due to be noted via network television tonight.

We have had no communication here with the Schwarzhaupt Foundation, which gave some assistance to the South Carolina Council last year. You might just drop in on them. Their address is: 350 Fifth Avenue. The 1960 Foundation Directory lists Officers and Trustees as: Adolph Hirsch, President; Richard Reid, Vice-President; Frederic P. Lee, Secretary; Bernard H. Goldfluss, Treasurer; Marie H. Ganley, Assistant Treasurer; Robert N. Montgomery, Ralph W. Tyler.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm
Enclosure

September 1, 1961

Mr. Vernon Eagle
New World Foundation
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Vernon:

Mrs. Frances Pauley, Executive Director of the Georgia Council on Human Relations, will be in New York the week of September 4 and may call you if you are in town.

Mrs. Pauley is doing a very capable and energetic job in her new position with the Georgia Council. I believe that you would enjoy meeting her and that she will be able to give you an accurate picture of the situation in Georgia.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:[redacted]

September 1, 1961

Miss Eleanor French
Director
Christian Social Relations
United Church Women
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Miss French:

The enclosed list contains names and addresses of members of your group that accepted the invitation to the Fellowship of the Concerned, and also of those who declined the invitation.

Follow-up letters will be sent to those who have not responded either way within the next week.

I am indeed looking forward to seeing you in November.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:nm
Enclosure

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE FELLOWship OF THE CONCERNED - NOVEMBER 6-7, 1961

ALABAMA - : Mrs. Dorothy Elly, 1509 29th Street, W. Birmingham, Alabama

FLORIDA - : Mrs. David Anderson, 5000-14 Ave., N., St. Petersburg, Fla.
Mrs. Alfred Lexow, 610, N. 19th Ave, Hollywood, Fla.
Mrs. W. W. Thrasher, 10 S. W. 12th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

GEORGIA - : Mrs. Ben C. Milner, 58 Sheridan Drive, Atlanta, Georgia
Mrs. C. M. Weston, 2052 Edinburgh Terrace, Atlanta, Georgia

KENTUCKY- : Mrs. A. C. Johnson, 766 Covington Ave., Bowling Green, Ky.
Miss Mary Lena Wisehart, 25 West Villa Place, Fort Thomas, Ky.

LOUISIANA- : Mrs. Jimmie Simmons, Shreveport, Louisiana
Mrs. R. R. Eckart, 4547 Mark Twain Dr., New Orleans, La.

MISSISSIPPI: Mrs. C. C. Alford, 623 Chicksaw Avenue, Jackson, Mississippi
Mrs. Jane Schutt, 955 Pecan Blvd., Jackson, 3, Mississippi

S. C. : Mrs. Harold Lee Timmerman, 1002 Fairfield Ave., North Augusta, S.C.

TENNESSEE : Mrs. H. Olin Troy, 3709 Mayfield Drive. Knoxville, 18, Tennessee

TEXAS - : Mrs. Warren Bessellieu, UCW of Texas, 1527 Lullwood, San Antonio
Mrs. R. G. Hunt, 1000 Linda Lou, San Antonio, Texas
Mrs. Eloise Gebhardt, President of UCW of Texas, 1903 Kenilworth Blvd., San Antonio Texas.

VIRGINIA - : Mrs. Constance Moser, Route 2, Box 46-3, Manassas, Virginia
Miss Charlotte Crawley, 715 Furnace Rd., Harrisburg, Virginia

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REFUSALS: Mrs. S. C. Meisberg
Mrs. W. Murdoch MacLeod
Mrs. Daniel E. Leatherman

September 1, 1961

Mrs. Neva J. Dennis
530 So. Jones Street
Elberton, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Dennis:

The following of your Council Presidents have accepted the invitation to participate in the Fellowship of the Concerned.

Mrs. A. M. Montgomery, and Mrs. Willie Williams.

A follow-up letter will be sent to those who have not responded at all, within the next week.

Please accept my apology for being so late in getting this information to you. Due to the illness and passing of my husband, I have been delayed in many things.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:nm

September 1, 1961

Mr. Vernon Eagle
The New World Foundation
475 Riverside Drive
New York, New York

Dear Vernon:

Several matters:

Dr. Robert Coles has been in Atlanta for ten days or so, hard at work and apparently successful in establishing good contacts with his students. He would like to draw funds as needed, and this is agreeable with us. If also satisfactory with you, could you forward a check for the entire grant now and we shall keep it on account for him? I have asked Bob to submit reports occasionally, and we shall also keep you informed.

You will recall, (I hope) that I discussed with you in your office last June the use of a small amount of contingency funds for a quiet effort in bringing the regional agency heads together at Quaker House in Atlanta for off-the-record discussions. The first such occasion was held last week and I think it was a real success. There was candid but calm explanation and criticism around the table and, I believe, this represented the first time that some of the agencies represented have ever had their problems evaluated in this manner. Another session was planned for early fall. We have given Quaker House $200.00 from the contingency fund to help defray the expenses of luncheons, etc. Incidentally, none of the other agencies know that we had any role in initiating or supporting this activity.

Sometime next week I will be sending you a draft of the organizational sketch for the Voter Project; Dave Freeman may already have alerted you. As I told Dave, I don't ask that you critique this in any official capacity, and I am not trying to thrust off the responsibility for planning. I would like your advice as a friend, and as one who has a very sharp eye for the sticky policy and financial questions. This is a tough one.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:MBB

September 1, 1961

Mrs. Jean Russell
824 Tusculum Boulevard
Greeneville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Russell:

Paul Rilling has asked me to write you that in sending invitations to the September Interagency Conference we are omitting H. B. Sissel. We are inviting J. Metz Rollins and John Marion. This is in line with our general pattern of inviting regional representatives. Do you have any objections to our omission of the Rev. Sissel?

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Sec.
Field Services

September 1, 1961

Mr. Kermit C. Morrissey, Director
Florina Lasker Program in Civil
    Liberties and Civil Rights
Brandeis University
Waltham 54, Massachusetts

Dear Kermit:

I would be tempted to apply myself for one of your fellowships except for the same reason which makes it difficult for me to recommend anyone else. It is pretty hard for me to see capable people being able to take the time even though in the long run it would be good for them to do so. I am going to ask, however, that you let me have the privilege of writing to you later if I get a good idea.

I am glad you are at Brandeis. I've wondered what you might be doing since Governor Furcolo's term ended.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:mbb

P.S.
Could you have your secretary send me a copy of whatever she regards as the best photograph of your three chapels? I remember seeing a good picture in your catalog.

September 1, 1961

Mr. Ivan Allen, Jr.
60 Peachtree Street, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Allen:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the "Preliminary Statistical Study of Little Rock and New Orleans Business progress". It is a sound piece of work.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:mbb

bcc: Benjamin Muse

September 1, 1961

Mr. Edwin T. Randall
Executive Vice-Chairman
Friendly World Broadcasting
122 North Providence Road
Wallingford, Pennsylvania

Dear Ed:

I am glad the response to the Atlanta tape has been good. I hope that it gets better. We are calling it to the attention of all our state groups.

The reception which your Bible tape has had, just goes to show you never know what you're missing when you don't look for diamonds in your own back acres.

I assume that what you have in mind regarding Dallas is something to be done after the event. I am not sure--though I could be altogether wrong--that it would have general interest. I don't think Dallas is a city that other cities identify with--to use one of our modern linguistic crudities. Besides, thought I like the results, I don't like the paternalistic manner in which they have been achieved. I don't like businessmen presuming they hold the city in their hands, even when they are on my side.

I am afraid I don't know enough about Kansas City to have any thoughts.

About a Mississippi, Louisiana, and Alabama project, all I can say is that we do hope to unfold something there, and shall probably look for funds to help us. I think this is going to have to be developed during the fall fund raising. Whatever we do, I would like to have you related to it.

Many thanks for remembering my daughter. I hope you will have a chance to see her when she comes up.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:mbb

September 1, 1961

Mr. Stephen R. Currier
Taconic Foundation, Inc
666 Fifth Avenue
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Currier:

We acknowledge with sincere thanks the Taconic Foundation's grant of $3,000.00 for the support of our current work in New Orleans.

I shall, in time, send you a report on what is done.

With very best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:mbb

September, 1, 1961

Mr. Melvin L. Bergheim
Govermental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mel:

Paul Anthony and I are trying to digest your letter of August 18 and the statistics from the State Department which you enclose. It isn't easy for us to reconcile their figures with what our files show but we are still puzzeling over them. At any rate, many thanks for having the tabulations done.

I think we shall write to the State Department as you suggest. We may need a few days more to decide just what we shall write.

Come back and see us. Incidentally, the three visitors you sent us last week were all special people. I saw less of the Indonesian than the other two (Lewis of South Africa and Mende of France); they were two most interesting people.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:mbb

September 5, 1961

Tidings
1908 Grand Avenue
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Gentlemen:

Enclosed you will find a copy of letter that I have written to Mr. Thomas, asking for permission to use excerpts from his book, "Rediscovering Christmas." I assure him and you that none of it will be included in the program without having been given definite permission.

Under separate cover I am enclosing programs from 1959 and 1960.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:nm
Enclosure

September 5, 1961

Mr. William C. Gausmann
Advisor on Labor and Minorities Affairs
United States Information Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Gausmann:

I believe you must have kept abreast of the news from Atlanta and have seen this city pass it's test. It was a fine day! No one can be sure that all danger is past; I, for one, doubt that it has. What ~~yesterday~~ last Wednesday proved, however, was that the citizenry has made a decision, and that the city and school officials are fully capable. If there is any subsequent disorder it will be purely an act of premediated violence and would seem clearly to be the work of the tiniest fringe.

Bruce Galphin is a good reporter whom we frequently see. I think you will be pleased with his work.

I certainly shall keep in mind your invitation to pass on to you any thoughts I may have about "angles". Have you ever considered bringing together three or four NAACP attorneys to talk about what they set out to do, what they have accomplished, what they have learned from the struggle, and what they see in the future? I am thinking of people such as Thurgood Marshall, Robert Carter, Don Hollowell (Atlanta), Oliver Hill (Richmond, now working, I believe, for H.H.F.A.), Wiley Branton (Arkansas). These are pretty impressive men. What they would say would, I think, insure candor in a program. Their appearance would convey a positive message.

I have had three people around here swear on a stack of Bibles that your New South subscription is now straightened out.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:mbb

September 5, 1961

VIA AIR MAIL

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Attorney and Past President
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Wright:

The sub-committee of the Executive Committee will meet here at 2:00 P.M., on Friday, the 8th, as we discussed on the phone this morning.

Enclosed is a draft of a proposed memo which outlines the matters of major concern for the meeting.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA:nm
Enclosure

AIR MAIL September 5, 1961

Mr. James M. Dabbs
c/o The Rev. Charles Jones
Community Church
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

The meeting about which we spoke on the phone this morning has been set for 2:00 P.M. on Friday, September 8.

Enclosed is a draft of a proposed memo which outlines the matters of major concern for the meeting.

Mr. Wright, Miss Wilkins and Mr. Wheeler will be present. We are uncertain about Dr. Clement and several other Atlanta members. Since this is the case and since Mr. Wheeler was particularly anxious to have you present we are hopeful that you can come, if it does not inconvient you too greatly. However, we will of course understand if you aren't able to make it.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

September 5, 1961

Abingdon Press
Nashville 2, Tennessee

Gentlemen:

I have just written Br. A. Dudley Ward of the Methodist Church for permission to use mimeographed copies of what he has on pages 47,48 and 49 about the modern American woman. This will be used in a workshop of about 150 women from over the south, Jews, Catholics and Protestants will attend this session.

I would appreciate permission being granted to make these copies.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:nm

September 5, 1961

Mr. A. Dudley Ward
Board of Christian Social Concerns
The Methodist Church
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ward:

First of all I want to thank you for the interpretation of the Social Creed of the Methodist Church. The book is a splendid help to our study of the church under order, and in view of all I am trying to do.

On November 6-7, I have a meeting of about 150 women of the southern district, Jews, Catholic and Protestant, and as I have a feeling that the women must be the shock absorbers and interpreters of social change, I would like to include mimeographed copies of pages 47, 48 and 49, "Facts about the Modern American Woman." Margaret Slattery has written a book, "More Than you Are." I am trying to help the women to see that they are more "than they are," and these facts you have will help me do it.

My husband who has always been backing, pushing, and believing in me, slipped away from us on August 19th.

Hoping you may give me permission to use this valuable information you have compiled,for our manual.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:nm

STEPHEN

September 5,1961

Mr. Stephen R. Currier, President
Taconic Foundation, Inc
666 Fifth Avenue
New York 19, New York

Dear ~~Steve:~~

Either this coming Friday or next Monday we are convening a sub-committee of our Executive Committee to review the enclosed draft. After the sub-committee has done so, we shall get the full concurrence of the Executive Committee. I thought it better to proceed in this careful and fairly slow way in order that when we do next communicate with the other agencies we would be able to offer a definite commitment.

I shall be delighted and grateful to receive any comments, advice, or new ideas you may have after reading this draft; it would be particularly helpful to have your reaction to it before our meeting.

Judging by your remarks over the phone last week I gather that the after-taste of the August 23 meeting was not good. I have much the same feeling, though my present state of mind is a confused perception regarding the degree of interest and compatibility of the agencies. The meeting may very well have been a necessary outlet for all concerned to unbosom some apprehensions, and may have served a good purpose in clearing some dross from our minds.

Through hindsight, it seems to me now that we who met in Washington a few weeks back were wrong in thinking that the next step should be the July 28 meeting. The result of that decision has been that each agency feels somewhat like a charter member of an emerging club, and that there has never been before all of us a more or less specific proposition to accept or reject. We have tried to construct one in this draft, and at the same time we have tried to be as sensitive as we can to the interests and ambitions of the other agencies. We have tried to set up a structure which will insure our necessary controls and at the same time allow each agency to feel responsible for its own program.

I hope that something along the line of the enclosed draft will do the trick. It is perhaps too early to think about where we stand if it doesn't; never-the-less we have got sufficiently deep into this idea that we would hate very badly for all the effort and thought of this summer to have served no tangible purpose. If it proves impossible to bring the various agencies, or at least the NAACP, SCLC, and the students, together in a joint effort I would hope there would be a chance to discuss an alternative program. For example, on a much more modest scale SRC might attempt working solely with such local groups as are now in the voter field. I have always believed, in fact, that the local voters leagues have accomplished more than the regional or national agencies, and often without their support.

Excuse me for writing at this length. Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD; mbb

bcc: David Freeman
Vernon Eagle

Reading File

September 6, 1961

Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Box 652
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Guy:

We are anxious to follow through with arrangements for the proposed international seminar at the University of North Carolina as soon as feasible. Marion Wright indicates that he discussed this with you recently and that he understands you will be leaving on a trip to Africa in the near future. How do you advise us to move on this? Will you have an opportunity to press the matter with University officials in the near future, or is there another faculty contact you would suggest to carry through if you are leaving shortly? Would it be advisable for one of us to come to Chapel Hill to expedite the consideration? Les has asked me to represent our concerns on the matter and I am anxious to take whatever steps would be helpful. It is the hope of our Executive Committee that the University of North Carolina would want to serve as host and convener of the institute; we would offer any staff or resource assistance that might be needed. The Executive Committee has not authorized any fund raising activities on the part of SRC, feeling that a University would have better success securing funds for this kind of an effort.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

cc: Mr. Marion A. Wright

September 5, 1961

Mr. J. C. Mickle
c/o Second Congregational Church
764 Walker Avenue
Memphis 6, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Mickle:

I am looking forward to being with the YWCA workshop and the membership of the Council on Human Relations September 25. I note that you state that I will address a "public meeting" that evening. While I am perfectly willing to be useful in any way that I can, my first letter from Mrs. Ish stated that I would be involved in a "consultation with the membership." Of course, you are in the best position to judge how I might be most useful to the Memphis Chapter. In case you do carry through with a public meeting, I am enclosing the requested biographical data. I really would rather be guided by your concerns in selecting a topic for a public speech. In view of the possible desegregation in Memphis schools this fall, would there be interest in a discussion of school desegregation in Atlanta? Or, would you prefer an over-view of the current situation in the South? What would best fit in with your program? We could do something on the direct action movement as exemplified in the sit-ins and Freedom Rides.

I will need over-night lodging Monday evening, since the only possible flight back into Atlanta from Memphis will be early Tuesday morning.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm
cc: Mrs. Stanley Ish

September 5, 1961

Mr. Andy Rogers
317 International Trade Mart Building
New Orleans 12, La.

Dear Andy:

The newspaper ads look good and would seem to easily come within the educational limitations on the use of funds. Have you considered a newspaper ad reproducing your headline flyer, or is this receiving sufficient distribution to make it unnecessary?

I see where Duvio had a fairly large meeting launching the boycott effort in the new schools. I continue to feel that we need a telephone campaign to all parents in these schools, or a special mailing to these parents to combat boycott. I don't believe that mass media is sufficient to meet this threat.

It is very good news that Giarusso has spoken out. I notice there was no special statement from him included in the ad material.

I agree that it would have been more strategic to use the LIFE signature, but can imagine what happened on that.

I note your nasty note of September 1. I agree that my suggestions are unrealistic given personality and emotional factors. I felt, however, that this should be said and that I could more easily say it than you folks on the indide.

I will be arriving via overnight train Thursday morning. I will call on arrival, but assume you will be busy passing out leaflets in front of Frantz School that day.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

September 5, 1961

Mr. Carl J. Landes
5605 Oak Street
Guilford College, North Carolina

Dear Carl:

Paul Anthony shared with me your recent letter requesting information on the Southern Interagency Conference and the Consultative Conference on Desegregation. We received this morning your return card indicating that you will attend the September meeting of the Southern Interagency Conference. This group meets quarterly and we will keep you informed.

I'm afraid that the Consultative Conference on Desegregation no longer has any meaningful existance. An organizational structure was set up for CCD, but this has been inactive for several years with the exception of the Mass Media Committee of CCD, which continues to meet regularly in New York. This committee consists primarily of New York based representatives of national agencies and considers how to make more effective use of the national media. I would suggest that you ask to be placed on the mailing list of this committee. Write to Harry Fleischman, National Labor Service, 165 East 56th Street, New York 22, N.Y..

I look forward to seeing you at the September Interagency Conference.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

September 6, 1961

Miss Katherine Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

In our current newsletter, which you will soon receive, we note that we are anxious to obtain some stories dealing with success or interesting program from local groups. It occurred to me that perhaps the record of the Nashville Conference over the past several years would make an excellent story. Would you agree?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

September 6, 1961

Mr. Julian L. Connell, Editor
The Ocilla Star
Ocilla, Georgia

Dear Mr. Connell:

The column "Politics on Parade" by Sid Williams which appeared in the Star on July 20 contains serious errors. The second paragraph of this column states: "Miss Long has become director of information for the Southern Regional Council, that subversive organization which has been cited time after time as following the Communist line. She fits right in with this radical crowd."

Mr. Williams has a right to hold any opinion he wishes about Miss Long or the Southern Regional Council. He has no right to spread libelous falsehoods. The Council is a group of responsible Southerners whose dedication to democracy and the United States Constitution is beyond question. Further, the Council has never been "cited" by any agency of the national government concerned with subversive organizations.

If there are specific questions or concerns which the Star or Mr. Williams have about the Southern Regional Council, we shall be happy to answer them. In the meantime, we call to your attention this extremely serious matter of labeling persons with whom you disagree as "subversive".

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:mbb
cc: Mr. W. S. Bradford, Jr.
Publisher

September 6, 1961

Dr. G. Ernest Thomas
c/o Tidings
1908 Grand Avenue
Nashville, 5, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Thomas:

For many years I have had, for the women of my community, a "Christmas Preparation Day," and under separate cover I am sending you programs of 1959 and 1960 that you might see what we are doing.

Your book, "Rediscovering Christmas," is very valuable and I wish that I could put it in the hands of more than 200 women who will be present on our Christmas Preparation Day on December 12th. This is impossible, but as I am getting it all together I would like to have permission from you to use some things out of this book. I might have women read excerpts from it, calling attention to the booklet at the same time, or use excerpts in speaking parts. What I am doing right now is to get permission from you before I even start getting everything ready. I will submit to you excatly what I plan to use before I let anyone see the whole presentation, and then you can give me or refuse me permission, to use it.

One thing that bothers me is that this book is not on news stands and in the dime stores on book racks, for I believe that if it is made accessible to people we might be able to change much of the barbaric Christmases we have been having. I am writing Tidings also. I would like to repeat that not one word of it will be used before I submit it to you.

Thank you for the message of the little book.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:nm
cc: Tidings, Nashville, Tennessee

September 6, 1961

Mr. Robert M. Rich
1631 W. Pratt Blvd.
Chicago 26, Illinois

Dear Mr. Rich:

We are interested in the thesis you are writing at the University of Chicago on the influence on students by their peers, parents, teachers, and community in adjusting to school integration in the South since 1954. We are sending you a selection of our own materials, and some that we have been distributing for other groups. At the present time there is some research going on along the lines of your inquiry, and within a few years there may be more available published material. You will find some answers to your questions in the materials we are sending.

You will note that the name of our organization has been changed, and that we have moved. I am enclosing with this letter a brief outline that will explain this to you. The other materials mentioned will come under separate mailing.

We would be interested in receiving a copy of your thesis if you have an extra one.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

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  April, May, 1961

Mailed separately:
  Wey & Corey, Action Patternsn in School Desegregation
  Carmichael & James, The Louisville Story
  Knoll, The Truth About Desegregation in Washington's Schools
  Hansen, Miracle of Social Adjustment: Desegregation in Washington, D. C.
  Teachers College Record, "Desegregation: a six-year Perspective"
  Clark, Some General Observations in the Negro Community of Little Rock, Ark.
  Report L-16, L-17
  GCHR, TV transcript interview Omer Carmichael on Louisville
  Goodman, Sanctuaries for Tradition: Virginia's Private Schools

September 6, 1961

Mrs. Nathan Perlmutter
9540 Carlyle Avenue
Surfside, Florida

Dear Ruth:

You cannot imagine how happy we were to see the impressive package from Miami (or was it Surfside?). Needless to say, there has been no time to go into the materials with any degree of thoroughness. But it looks like you and your cohorts have done a superb job.

The changes that are occurring in the Miami area are indeed exciting, and I hope there will be quick advantage taken of the new opportunities that seem to have opened up. Your letter to me contained a number of interpretive insights which will be of tremendous value to the person who will do the final writing of the report. Particularly interesting to me were your comments about the native-born Negro in contrast to the Nassau-born. I think you have put your finger on the clue to the seemingly strange behavior of the total community there. It would be interesting to know the extent to which this difference in background affects the various aspects of community life: organizations, professions, churches, social life, etc. This, of course, would be another study and I suppose by now you don't want to hear the word "study" for a long time to come.

Although I know you have no need for it, the check we promised is available to the Miami group as soon as there is a request for it. Unless otherwise instructed, we will make out the check to the Florida Council on Human Relations, designated for the employment study and naming you as chairman. If this is not the way you wish it handled, let us know in your letter of request.

This short note is no proper answer to the summarizing letter, but I was anxious to let you know how pleased we all are with your survey materials, and therefore this is written in some haste because of my departure before the end of the week. Jim Moss is not expected until week after next, at the earliest, so there will be some possible lack in communications except through Mrs. Albright, who will be able to answer most of your inquiries during the interim.

As soon as I get home ~~and~~ I'll start planning the trip to Miami (early in December);I will let you know the exact date as soon as I find out myself.

Meanwhile, best wishes and regards again to Bill and Beryl, and to Wheatley and Long and the others I met.

Cordially,

C. H. Parrish
Director pro tem
Employment Study

CHP:A

September 6, 1961

Mr. Lee B. Thomas, Jr.
Executive Vice President
Vermont American Corporation
Post Office Box 1475
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Lee:

Thanks for the suggestions in your letter of the 1st. These names will be put before the Nominating Committee. I quite agree with you that we need more representation of businessmen on our board. This matter will also be called to the attention of the Committee.

If questions arise, we'll contact you further. Otherwise, we look forward to seeing you in November.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA:mbb

September 6, 1961

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1330 Laurel Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Enclosed is a check which was forwarded to us by Mr. Dabbs. It represents, I believe, Miss Gray's pledge to the SCCHR.

Hope all goes well with you. It has been an unfortunately long time since we've seen you.

All good wishes.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA:mbb
Enc. Check for $50.00

September 6, 1961

The Rev. William Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
4241 S. W. 109th Court
Miami 55, Florida

Dear Mr. Williams:

In connection with the Employment Study which is being conducted by SRC in four cities, there was a promise of $250 to each of the cities in order to help finance the operation. The Miami study is under the direction of Mrs. Nathan Perlmutter, 9540 Carlyle Avenue, Surfside, Fla. We are enclosing our check for $250, made out to the Florida Council on Human Relations, and suggest that you inform Mrs. Perlmutter that you have this amount and it is payable to her upon request.

Sincerely yours,

C. H. Parrish
Director Pro Tem,
Employment Study

CHP:A
Enclosure: check, $250

September 6, 1961

Mrs. Ethel Dumbault
Executive Secretary
3605 Fannin Street
Houston 4, Texas

Dear Mrs. Dumbauld:

In connection with the Employment Study which is being conducted by SRC in four cities, there was a promise of $250 to each of the cities in order to help finance the operation. The Houston study is under the direction of Professor Art Gallaher, Jr., Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Houston. We are enclosing our check for $250, made out to the Houston Council on Human Relations, and suggest thet you inform Dr. Gallaher that you have this amount and it is payable to him upon request.

Sincerely yours,

C. H. Parrish
Director Pro Tem,
Employment Study

CHP:A
Enclosure: check, $250

September 6, 1961

The Rev. M. J. Jones
Council for Cooperative Action
c/o Stanley Methodist Church
607 Dodson Avenue
Chattanooga 4, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Jones:

Enclosed is the check for $250.00, which was promised to each of the cities participating in the Employment Study, in order to help to finance the operation. The Chattanooga group has worked very hard on this survey, as evidenced by the reports we have received.

Sincerely yours,

C. H. Parrish
Director Pro Tem
Employment Study

CHP:A
Enclosure: $250.00

September 7, 1961

Mr. Frederick B. Routh
Executive Director
Fair Employment Practices Commission
900 Cadillac Square Building
Detroit 26, Michigan

Dear Fred:

Charlie Wittenstein is itching to go to San Francisco. He understandably feels, therefore, that the panel on the South at the NAIRO Conference is badly in need of an additional consultant who could consider the interreligious aspects of the current situation. Charlie feels that the Atlanta Director of the American Jewish Committee would be the ideal person to fill this vital role. Not only that, but he can't come otherwise. I pass this on for your merciful consideration.

See you on Top Of The Mark.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

September 7, 1961

Mr. Hall Tennis
5454 Keystone Drive
Jacksonville 7, Florida

Dear Mr. Tennis:

Your letter of July 26 stimulated considerable discussion and interest among the members of our staff here. It touched on a sore point in this whole field of human relations, which is particularly sensitive here because the lack you emphasized is our primary raison d'etre. I could not agree with you more that there is too much personal anecdote and philosophizing and too little factual information in most discussions of the problem in the South. I would go further and say that even the great bulk of those who agree with our premise that things should change are lacking in the objective information which could support their position.

c. on orig.

Much of our energy and resources are channeled into the effort to produce and distribute factual information and analysis which is at least reasonably objective. The problem is to know how to best distribute such materials. We do our best in this direction, but it's a very indefinite and intangible effort because it is so hard to know how much of the information goes to the right places and has any "take."

I agree further that too many interracial groups spend too much time commiserating with each other and trading mutual commitments and not enough time examining the facts of their local situation or considering the rather vast amount of informational material which is available.

Thank you for your letter. I am forwarding under separate cover some of our information which, we hope, aims in the direction you request.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

Separate Cover:

SRC 20 -- The Freedom Ride
SRC 13 -- The Student Protest Movement
SRC 19 -- Sanctuaries for Tradition

"The Case for Integration"
"School Desegregation: the First Six Years"
"Racial Violence and Law Enforcement"
"The Negro and the Ballot in the South"

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September 7, 1961

Mrs. Margaret C. Breland
Atlanta Region Metropolitan Planning Commission
Glenn Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Breland:

We would like to receive a copy of the 1961 Population and Housing Report by the Atlanta Region Metropolitan Planning Commission, as reported in the August 13 Journal-Constitution. If there is a charge, please bill us.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Reading File?

September 7, 1961

Dr. Wil Lou Gray
1851 Devine Street
Columbia, S.C.

Dear Dr. Gray:

We have received in the research office a request for information on federal aid and lawlessness in South Carolina. This request came to us from Mr. J. M. Dabbs on your behalf.

The newsclips on federal aid, which we have in our files concern themselves mainly with federal aid to education, and very few of them have any "glaring quotations". But, I am sending to you, under separate cover, some materials which may be useful.

In addition to the materials which I am sending to you, you may also want to consult the following:

> Report of the United States Commission on Civil Rights: Equal Protection of The Law In Public Higher Education, 1960
>
> Paying For Better Public Schools by The Committee for Economic Development, 711 Fifth Avenue, New York 22, N.Y., 1960
>
> Report of the United States Commission on Civil Rights, 1959

If we can be of any further help let us know.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth Waters, Research

September 8, 1961

Mr. Edwin T. Randall
Friendly World Broadcasting
122 North Providence Road
Wallingford, Pennslyvania

Dear Ed,

I suppose by now you've heard from Betty Harris, who told me how much she liked your Atlanta tape. She seemed anxious to get it pretty well circulated around the stations here.

I don't know why Fran Breeden and Mrs. Shelfa sounded less appealing to me than the other two women. That, of course, was not to say that they sounded insincere or uninteresting; they impressed me too. I think, perhaps, the other two came through so groping, real and eager, in a way that I'm familiar with, that I was particularly pleased with that part.

I'll ask around to see if anyone here thinks of another idea you might do.

Sincerely,

ME:jf

Margaret Long
Director of Information

September 8, 1961

Mr. David Kirk
Company of St. Paul
Via Giacinto Carinni 24
Rome, Italy

Dear Mr. Kirk:

I am answering your letter to John Constable who has left the Council.

Of course we are delighted to send you New South while you are in Italy, with best wishes for a wonderful stay abroad.

Of course all of us here are gratified to think of a Mississippian having four years in Rome and coming back home to work in race relations. Your~~s~~ plans sound good for you and for the Deep South too.

Sincerely,

ML/jf

Margaret Long
Director of Information

September 8, 1961

Mr. James E. Stewart
Oklahoma Natural Gas Company
Oklahoma City 1, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Stewart:

I am answering your letter to John Constable who has left the Council.

Thanks so much for the Bishop Reed clipping and the West letter. They're both extremely interesting, and I'm keeping them for some possible use in the New South.

I'm sorry you'll miss John in November; I'm looking forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

ML/jf

Margaret Long
Director of Information

You'll be sorry.
RHa

September 8, 1961

The Rev. John Mulroy, S.T.L.
Director of Catholic Information Service
2699 Peachtree Street, N. E.
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Dear Father Mulroy:

Please call me if you can see me Wednesday or Thursday of next week.

Home phone - TR.2-2951
Office - 522-8764

I need to have your help in planning for our Workshop on November 6 and 7.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:nm

September 8, 1961

Rev. Galen Weaver
Board of Home Missions
287 Park Avenue So.
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Weaver:

In answer to your inquiry about motel and hotel accommodations in southern states, I am enclosing what information we have in our files.

The September, 1960 issue of The New South, the Council's publication, has the only survey we have done so far in this area. I have therefore enclosed clippings of events that have taken place since 1960 to give you a general idea of what has been happening. As you can see, there has been no single drive directed toward integration of all types of accommodations for travelers. The article from the Herald Tribune, "Negroes' Guide for Pleasant Travel in U.S.A.," refers to the directory you mentioned.

I hope these will be of some help to you. If we can be of further service, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Jane M. Bond
Research Assistant

jmb/s

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September 8, 1961

Mrs. Eleanor Smith
P. O., Box 1341
Kingston, N. C.

Dear Mrs. Smith:

At the request of Mrs. H. D. Moye, we are happy to extend you an invitation to attend the workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:nm
Enclosure

September 8, 1961

Mrs. Geneva Sneed
Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America
1057 N. Central Street
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Sneed:

Mr. Paul Christopher has sent us a copy of his letter to you, and we do hope that you can give us the names of two women in each of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, Florida, the Carolinas, Tennessee, and Arkansas, that we might write and invite to come and attend the Fellowship of the Concerned meeting.

We are enclosing a copy of the invitation we will send to them, and also something about the Fellowship of the Concerned. We certainly would appreciate your help.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:nm
Enclosure

September 8, 1961

Mrs. H. D. Moye
Farmville, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Moye:

This is to let you know that today we are sending an invitation to Mrs. Eleanor H. Smith, P. O. Box 1341, Kingston, North Carolina, and will let her know that you suggested her as one who would be very valuable in this workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned.

I sincerely trust you will be able to attend our meeting, and will be looking forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:nm

September 8, 1961

Mr. Paul Christopher
Regional Director, AFL-CIO
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Paul

The steel workers who always promptly send us $1,000.00 a year on request have not come through this year. Should we simply write again to McDonald or can you suggest a person or approach that might be more effective?

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA:mbb

September 12, 1961

Mr. Morris B. Abram
Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

Enclosed is a copy of our letter dealing with the Voter Registration Project which I discussed with you last week.

I would be very grateful if you would take the time to read it and let me know of any suggestions, criticisms, etc., you may have.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:mbb
Enc.

September 12, 1961

Mr. Vernon Eagle
The New World Foundation
475 Riverside Drive
New York, New York

Dear Vernon:

Here is a copy of the letter finally gone out on the Voting Project.

Your help, and that of David Freeman, was tremendously valuable. Many thanks.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:mbb
Enc.

P. S. The enclosed column of Ralph McGill's is sent to you because I thought it would interest you. The "factual report on law enforcement" was our publication, Racial Violence and Law Enforcement, by George McMillian.

September 12, 1961

Mr. David Freeman
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

Dear Dave:

Your recommendations were tremendously helpful. I am afraid I was having trouble getting a clear-sighted approach on this and your remark that our earlier draft was "too defensive" was exactly the key I needed to unlock my mental obscurity.

I believe you will agree that this is better and I hope you will think it good enough.

See you Tuesday.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:mbb
Enc.

P. S. The enclosed column of Ralph McGill, I think will interest you. The "factual report on law enforcement in Southern cities" was our publication Racial Violence and Law Enforcement", by George McMillian.

September 12, 1961

Mr. J. Oliver Emmerich, Editor
Jackson State Times
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Emmerich:

I have just had an opportunity to read your editorial in the State Times of August 27 in which you attribute to the Southern Regional Council the statement: "If there is anywhere in the country that you would expect violence to get out of control it would be Mississippi."

From my reading of the paragraphs of the Wall Street Journal article which you reproduced it appears that the remark was made by "a Southerner", unidentified.

I happen to have been the "official of the Southern Regional Council" who was quoted in the preceding paragraph as saying, "There has been real improvement in this and other areas of race relations." I am unaware of any official of the Council having given the statement about Mississippi which followed.

The Council has been particularly impressed, as, I think, all observers of the southern scene have been, with the public order which has prevailed in Mississippi during recent months.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:mbb

bdd: Ben Muse

September 12, 1961

Miss Katherine Jones
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Miss Jones:

We are enclosing a few newsclips and a brief compilation which will provide names of a few associations whose enunciated policy it is not to use segregated meeting facilities. Regrettably, the specific names of the organizations quoted in our September, 1960, New South article are no longer available. I am sorry, for unquestionably, the names would make the material much more potent.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Services

Enclosures

September 13, 1961

Mrs. Mable C. Morley
Director
Leadership Education Department
Board of Women's Work
Presbyterian Church in the U. S.
341-A Ponce de Leon Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 8, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Morley:

An invitation and Fellowship of the Concerned material is being forwarded to the suggested persons as of today, also Mrs. Plunkett.

Thank you so very much for this information, it will be very helpful in my planning.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:nm

September 13, 1961

Mrs. Arthur Plunkett, Jr,
2801 Cjarlotte Lane
Fort Smith, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Plunkett:

In a recent letter from Mrs. Morley, she informed me that you are the successor to Mrs. Reynolds for the Synodical Presidency, therefore, I am herewith enclosing an invitation to you to attend the Fellowship of the Concerned meeting, which will be held on November 6-7.

We are rather insistent that every person register ahead of time and be prepared to stay from the beginning to the end of the Workshop, as there are so many problems to be faced.

I would certainly appreciate hearing from you at once.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:nm
Enclosure

September 13, 1961

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Executive Vice President
The Potomac Institute, Inc
1501 18th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Harold:

Here it is. If any desirable changes occur to you I wish you would call.

I'll see you Tuesday. I'll be driving up and as nearly as I can figure it, I should be able to make your office by noon. If I see that I am going to be late I'll phone but, in any event,you should not delay the luncheon on my account.

This voter thing is one that I am glad to have out of my craw. We are far from being through with it, of course, but there is a lot of relief to be had from having SRC's position squared away.

Add the McGill column to the souvenirs of your days with the Council.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:mbb
Enc. 2

September 13, 1961

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
Executive Vice President
The Field Foundation, Inc
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Max:

As I believe you know, we have been engaged a good part of the summer in considering and discussing the proposition that SRC play a central role in a large voter registration drive in the South. The enclosure is a copy of our letter to other agencies which would be involved.

It represents SRC's decision and manner of commitment. If there are any portions of it you would like to have clarified I hope you will call.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:mbb
Enc. 2

P. S. The enclosed column of Ralph McGill's is sent to you because I thought it would interest you. The "factual report on law enforcement" was our publication, Racial Violence and Law Enforcement, by George McMillian.

September 13, 1961

Mr. Lloyd K. Garrison
Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison
575 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Garrison:

I am enclosing a copy of our letter to the agencies involved in your conferences on voter registration.

We have the highest hopes for this venture, not only for the tangible results which may come from it but also for the opportunity it presents to effect a working partnership among civil rights groups. Although for reasons you can completely understand we have formulated the undertaking in terms of our research interests, I think we have also set up the framework for a satisfactory relationship.

If you have any changes you would like to suggest I should be most grateful to hear from you.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:mbb
Enc.

September 13, 1961

The Honorable Justine Wise Polier
175 East Sixty-fourth Street
New York, New York

Dear Judge Polier:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter mailed by us to each of the agencies participating in the Taconic discussions on voter registrations.

I hope you had a pleasant stay in Europe.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:mbb
Enc.

September 13, 1961

Mr. Stephen Currier, President
The Taconic Foundation, Inc
666 Fifth Avenue
New York 19, New York

Dear Stephen:

Enclosed is a copy of our letter to the agencies. I believe you will find it considerably changed from the draft I sent you last week though the changes consist mostly of phrasing and affect the substance only slightly.

The sub-committee of our Executive Committee, which met last Friday, was satisfied that within these terms SRC could wholeheartedly participate; Martin King might not believe it but Dr. Clement was among those who gave his unqualified endorsement.

Jane Lee Eddy has tentatively put me down for a 4:30 appointment with you September 21. I shall call your office that morning to see if there has been any change.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:mbb
Enc.

P. S. The enclosed column of Ralph McGill's is sent to you because I thought it would interest you. The "factual report on law enforcement" was our publication, Racial Violence and Law Enforcement, by George McMillian.

September 13, 1961

Mr. Burke Marshall
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Burke:

Enclosed is a copy of our letter to the agencies regarding the voter registration project.

If you think of any changes which should be suggested please let me have them.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:mbb
Enc.

P. S. The enclosed column of Ralph McGill's is sent to you because I thought it would interest you. The "factual report on law enforcement" was our publication, Racial Violence and Law Enforcement, by George McMillian.

September 13, 1961

Mr. Harris Wofford
Assistant to the President
Executive Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Harris:

Enclosed is a copy of our letter to the agencies regarding the voter registration project.

If you think of any changes which should be suggested please let me have them.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:mbb
Enc.

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September 13, 1961

Mrs. Howard R. Carter
701 Helen Street
Lake Charles, Louisiana

Dear Dorothy:

I have had a time about your address. Three times we have had it from Thelma, once it was lost in this office, and another time at home, but I think we have it securely safe now on my address book, Miriam's address book, and on the files of the Southern Regional Council.

The Fellowship of the Concerned will have its group meeting here in Atlanta on the 6th and 7th of November at Clark College. Thelma will be here and most of the Christian Social Relations' secretaries will be here - the same type of officers from other denominations, including the Catholic Women, and the AME, CME, and various forms of Baptist groups. You belong with this group and I certainly want you to come. Our theme this year is, "The Kingdom without Frontiers, One God, One World, One People." We will begin at 10:00 on the morning of the 6th, and will close at noon on the 7th. You can see by this that you will have to vote by absentee ballot. Please give me a favorable reply.

I suppose you know that Mr. Tilly quietly slipped away from us on the night of August 19th at 11:00 O'clock. His home-going was triumphant and those of us who were close to him have had no tears, but miss him as you know.

Love

Dorothy Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:nm

Persons who have been invited to attend the Fellowship of the Concerned Meeting on November 6-7, are as listed below from the State of Louisiana.

1. Mrs. O. P. Christian, 206 S. Blake Street, Lake Charles, La.
2. Mrs. Irving Goldstein, 2820 Octavia, New Orleans, La.
3. Mrs. Wm. Haspel, Jr., 141 Homestead, Ave., Metairie, La.
4. Mrs. Jules Cahn, 3 Versailles Blvd., New Orleans, La.
5. Mrs. Werner Friedman, 901 Burdette, New Orleans, La.
6. Mrs. Carl Conrad, 3839 State Drive, New Orleans, La.
7. Mrs. Lauries S. Mobley, Belvue, Letsville, La.
8. Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, P. O. Box 247, Benton, La.
9. Mrs. Jimmie Simmons, 659 McCormick Street, Shreveport, La.
10. Mrs. R. R. Eckart, 4547 Mark Twain Drive, New Orleans 22, La.

September 13, 1961

Mr. Norman Jimerson
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1224 Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Mr. Jimerson;

Various "defense" materials we have prepared or had reprinted over the past few years are enclosed. If specific charges not covered in these materials have been brought, or are in the future brought, against SRC, please let us know, for we will be very happy to answer them.

As you will note, the "Analysis of the Attack on SRC in The Firing Line" is an item which calls for considered use. It contains excellent point by point analysis of allegations of the type usually made against us; however, since it was written in answer to a particular attack, it could well serve the purpose of supplementing the type of ammunition used most frequently with "documentation" from The Firing Line.

Please let us know if you need these materials in greater quantity, or if any specific charges are not covered.

Sincerely,

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Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Services

Enclosures
"An Analysis of the Attack on SRC in The Firing Line"
"Southern Regional Council" - Congressional Record reprint, March 2, 1959
Reprint from Richmond Times-Dispatch "A Race Agency and the Facts"
Board List
"The Southern Regional Council - Its Origin and Aims"

September 13, 1961

The Rt. Rev. George M. Murray
Bishop Coadjutor
Carpenter House
521 North 20th Street
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bishop Murray:

In response to your inquiry of September 8, we are pleased to enclose a complete list of the officers and members of the Southern Regional Council. You will note that Mr. Williams is not a member of the Council.

Mr. Williams was a member of the Council from 1945 to 1950. Since 1950 he has not been associated with the organization. This charge undoubtedly arises out of the confusion which sometimes exists between the Southern Regional Council and the Southern Conference Education Fund, an organization with offices in New Orleans, which is the successor to the now extinct Southern Conference on Human Welfare. Mr. Williams has been the president of SCEF for some years.

In stating these facts we do not imply criticism of Mr. Williams or of the Southern Conference Education Fund since the Council tries very hard to avoid passing judgment on individuals or organizations working in the field of race relations at this difficult time in the South.

Incidentally, neither the Council nor any of its members have at any time been listed as "subsersive" by any agency or bureau of the Federal government concerned with these matters.

Also enclosed are a brief statement on the origin and aims of SRC and an editorial from the Richmond Times Dispatch which you may find of interest.

We deeply appreciate your inquiry and the interest and concern which it indicates. Please call on us at any time that we may be of help.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA:A
Enclosures:
  Officers and members, SRC
  Editorial, Richmond Times-Dispatch
  Origins and Aims, SRC

September 13, 1961

Professor Art Gallaher, Jr.
Department of Sociology & Anthropology
University of Houston
Houston 4, Texas

The Rev. M. J. Jones
Stanley Methodist Church
607 Dodson Avenue
Chattanooga, 4, Tenn.

Mrs. Nathan Perlmutter
9540 Carlyle Avenue
Surfside, Florida

Drm M. Carl Holman
Department of English
Clark College
Atlanta 14, Georgia

Dear Survey Chairmen:

Dr. Parrish asked me to write all of you for him (he has now returned to the University of Louisville) regarding the wind-up of the employment survey.

In regard to the summary, it would be helpful to us if you followed the questions as listed in the abbreviated questionnaire, taking up each question as a separate topic and then giving us the benefit of your observations and references to the materials. You might also note those particular case histories which you think would be most valuable and give your opinion as to where the cases would best apply.

Your summaries will be of great value to our editor (Robert Anderson) and the sooner we can receive them and give them to him,' the sooner the printed reports can be sent to you. We are considering, in order to move the material as soon as it comes in, separate publications and release of each city report; and then, perhaps, combining them with general material on employment, Southern and national.

James Moss, C. H. Parrish, and Robert Anderson will be conferring on the study materials on September 23. It will be extremely helpful if we may have all of the survey reports and the summaries on hand by that date.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Reading File

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 FORSYTH STREET, N. W.
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA
JAckson 2-8764

LESLIE W. DUNBAR,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South

September 13, 1961

MEMORANDUM

TO: Participants, September Interagency Meeting
FROM: Paul Rilling

RE: Place of meeting

Because of a peak fall enrollment, Atlanta University will not be able to provide housing for those attending the Southern Interagency Conference September 21 and 22.

The Waluhaje Apartment-Hotel, 239 West Lake Avenue, N.W. (SYcamore 4-2431) will serve as our conference center. The hotel will provide accommodations for each of the guests at $5.00 per night, and we will hold our discussion sessions in the hotel's Bamboo Room. We will eat together at the Waluhaje Thursday evening and Friday noon. Friday morning breakfast will also be available at the hotel.

The meeting will begin at 2:00 P.M. Thursday, and will end at 3:00 P.M. Friday.

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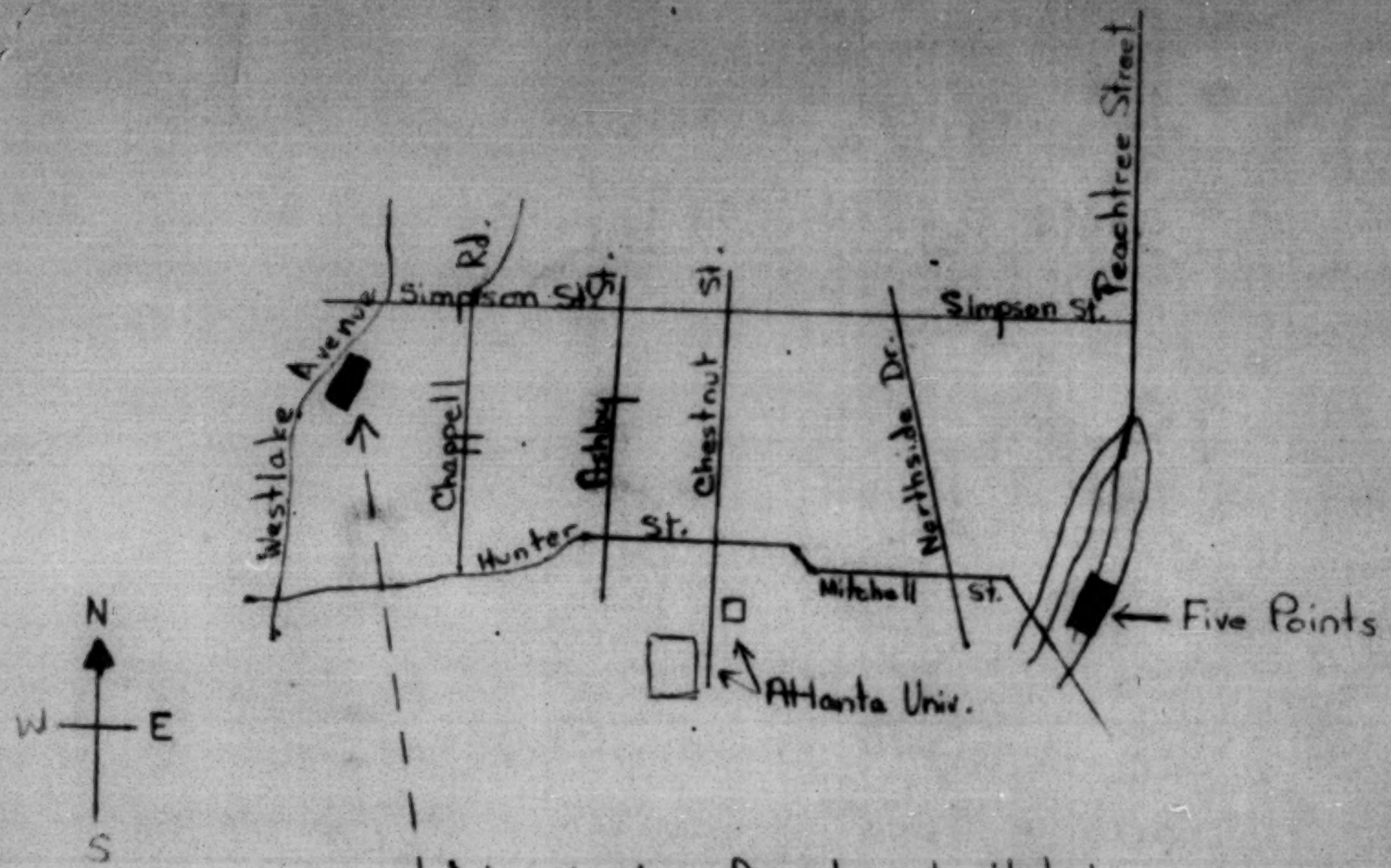
Enclosure: For out-of-town participants,
map showing location of the Waluhaje.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Waluhaje Apartment-Hotel
239 Westlake Avenue, N.W.

September 13, 1961

Mr. Edward R. Murrow, Director
United States Information Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Murrow:

The annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council will be held November 8-9 in Atlanta. On behalf of the Countil, I wish to invite you to be the speaker at our banquet on the evening of November 8.

The Council is a bi-racial body of southern leaders. I believe you would find them a challenging as well as a warm and appreciative audience. There are seventy-nine members, whose names are listed on the enclosure, of whom ordinarily about fifty attend. Except for a few guests and our staff, there will be no others present. The press, however, will be invited to cover the address.

I shall not suggest a topic, except to note that your present position and our concern for racial relations have direct and obvious connection.

I think the events of the past month make this an expecially appropriate time for you to return to Atlanta. Your CBS report on Atlanta in the Spring of 1960 was certainly one of the important contributions to the growth of realism and determination here, and you have the sincere gratitude of many in the city.

Knowing how crowded must be your schedule andresponsibilities, we do, however, greatly hope that you will find it convenient to be with us.

With sincerest best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:mbb
Enc.

Bcc: Harris Wofford

September 14, 1961

Mr. Leland DeVinney, Associate Director
The Rockefeller Foundation
111 West 50th Street
New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. DeVinney:

I look forward to seeing you and your associates on September 21 at 12;30.

For your information I am enclosing copies of two memoranda and a letter relating to a matter which has occupied a large part of our thought this summer. As you will learn from the enclosures, SRC has been asked to play a central role in an effort to register more voters in the South; we have sometimes felt that we would have preferred to have this cup pass us. The apparent fact is, however, that we are the only agency acceptable to the other groups involved.

What may finally be the result of this summer's planning time alone will tell. It presents a great challenge to SRC and one which we are prepared to do our best to meet.

I am also enclosing a column by Ralph McGill which may interest you. The "factual report on law enforcement' was our publication, Racial Violence and Law Enforcement,by George McMillian.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:mbb
Enc. 3
Memo, 7/31/61 to Exec. Committee
9/13/61 Letter to Associates
McGill column

September 14, 1961

Mr. Vernon Eagle, Executive Director
The New World Foundation
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Vernon:

For some weeks now I have been acting as a funnel of communication between Burke Marshall and the Rev. C. Herbert Oliver of Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. Oliver, a Negro, is secretary of the Inter-Citizens Committee which is concerned with investigating and ascertaining the facts regarding instances of police brutalities. He has assembled quite a dossier and has become mighty impatient that the Justice Department does not act upon his information. Hence my role.

A few days ago I received another letter from Marshall which said in part:

"I would like to avoid doing anything which will discourage any citizen from complaining about violations of his rights. ------ It would be interesting to know what representatives of the Department Reverend Oliver talked to last year. If he has an opportunity to come to Washington again, I would be delighted to see him and to attempt to explain the difficulties deriving from the federal system and the limitations on our jurisdiction. I would like to eliminate the impression which he has that he is being tossed, for arbitrary and inadequate reasons, from section to section of the Department in order to permit each section to avoid responsibility for not enforcing the law."

In an entirely separate development, Mr. Oliver has been invited by the State Department to attend the 8th annual UNESCO conference in Boston from October 22 through 26, and we are in receipt of a request from the Alabama Council on Human Relations, of which he is an officer, for $200.00 to cover travel, room and lodging.

I haven't looked into the matter of the UNESCO meeting though on general principles I think it is nice for one of our state councils to be represented. I am interested, however, in getting Mr. Oliver and Mr. Marshall together because Oliver has done good work, which Justice recognizes, and nothing but good can come from his learning exactly the limitations of the government.

Because the trip to Washington could be combined with the Boston trip I am inclined to give the Alabama Council $200,00 as requested. Could you see this as a contingency fund item?

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:mbb

September 14, 1961

Ruth H. Alexander LWD

Quaker House grant

Our recent grant to Quaker House is to be charged to contingency fund.

September 14, 1961

Mr. Harold C. Fleming
Potomac Institute
1501 - 18th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Harold:

I apologize for not sending you the notice of the September Interagency meeting, one of which is enclosed. Actually, we cannot officially ask you to participate until the Atlanta committee formally approves the issuance of an invitation to the Potomac Institute. We can assume that this is a ritual which will be completed at the meeting of the Atlanta committee, which will be held either Friday, September 15, or Monday, September 18. Pack your bags, but don't leave until we let you know officially. I do hope that you can come.

I think your suggestion to Paul that the Interagency Conference meet at the Potomac Institute is an excellent one, primarily because I have not been to Washington recently. Perhaps you can invite us for the January meeting.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm
Enclosures

September 14, 1961

Mr. Vernon Eagle
Executive Director
The New World Foundation
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Vernon:

We acknowledge with thanks The New World Foundation's check in the amount of $7,500.00 for research in student adjustment by Dr. Robert Coles.

We believe Dr. Cole's work will represent a signal contribution to our understanding of the problems of school desegregation.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:mbb
Enc. 1

September 14, 1961

Mr. W. E. Solomon
Palmetto Education Association, Inc.
1719 Taylor Street
Columbbia, South Carolina

Dear Walter:

I would consider it a privilege to have a part in your meeting in Atlanta September 23. Let me know when the meeting will be held, whether I should prepare a statement, and if so, of what length and emphasizing what aspect of the general problem.

It will be good to see you again.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

September 14, 1961

Miss Florence C. Harris, Correlator
Southern Region YWCA
41 Exchange Place, S. E., Suite 201
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Florence:

We will be happy to send minutes of the Interagency Meeting to Miss Willett and Miss Lerrigo. Our usual policy is to send only one invitation to attend the meeting to each agency, which in this case would normally go to you. Of course, this does not limit the YWCA as to who would represent the organization. It is just intended to simplify and standardize the invitation proceedure. We were at one time inviting as many as five from some agencies and only one from others.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

September 15, 1961

U. S. Department of Commerce
Volunteer Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sirs:

We would like to receive your recent report which shows the modern South from 1947-48 to 1958-59 leading the national rate-of-growth average in 29 of the 34 fields of business activity that were covered. If you will advise us of the cost of the report, and the order number, we will appreciate it very much.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Pending
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September 15, 1961

Mr. G. W. Foster, Jr.
The University of Wisconsin
Law School
Madison 6, Wisconsin

Dear Bill:

If you have extras could you send copies of your Florida, Baton Rouge, and Jacksonville reports to the following:

Mr. Ben Muse
Box 312
Manassas, Virginia

Mr. John J. Brewbaker
545 Mayflower Road
Norfolk, Virginia

Also please send any subsequent reports you may put out.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:mbb

September 15, 1961

MEMO TO: Members of the Nominating Committee

Harry V. Richardson H. Franklin Williams
Raymond Wheeler Stephen J. Wright
Thomas W. Young

FROM : Paul Anthony - Executive Assistant

RE : Background Information for the meeting of the Committee (September 28 - 2:00 P. M. - SRC Office)

The Committee will select nominees for election or re-election of:

- a) all officers of the Council
- b) all members of the Executive Committee
- c) twenty members of the class of 1965

All members of the class of 1961, whose terms expire this year, are eligible for re-election. However, the By-Laws of the Council require that at least five new members be elected each year. There now exists one vacancy. Therefore, at least four members of the class of 1961 must be dropped in order that this requirement be met.

Enclosed are: a list of current officers and members of the Council; a separate listing of the class of 1961 showing state, vocation, race and length of service; and, an analysis by state, vocation and race of all current members. When the Committee meets, you will be provided with a listing and appropriate data on all suggestions for new members.

We look forward to seeing you on the 28th, and trust that you will contact us if there is anything we can do to make your trip more convenient.

AN ANALYSIS OF CURRENT SRC MEMBERS:

Distribution by State:

Alabama	-	6
Arkansas	-	3
Florida	-	6
Georgia	-	13
Kentucky	-	4
Louisiana	-	3
Mississippi	-	4
North Carolina	-	14
Oklahoma	-	1
South Carolina	-	3
Tennessee	-	8
Texas	-	8
Virginia	-	6

Distribution by Profession:

Clergy	-	12
Educators	-	25
Businessmen	-	11
Writers	-	4
Lawyers	-	6
Social Workers	-	3
Labor	-	2
Women Organizations	-	7
Government	-	2
Media	-	4
Physicians	-	1
Unclassified	-	2

Distribution by Race

Negro	-	31
Caucasian	-	48

Exact representation by states, vocations, or races is probably neither desirable or practical. The Nominating Committee, however, may wish to take into account that Georgia and North Carolina seem somewhat over-represented; that Arkansas, Louisiana, and South Carolina are somewhat below the norm; and that educators (a number of whom are also clergymen), now contribute more than one-fourth of our membership. Although not shown by the tabulation, we are in fact weak in representation from the smaller cities and rural areas.

CLASS OF 1961

Name	State	Vocation	Race	Length of Service
DOGGETT, Caxton	Florida	Clergy	C	1956
DUNCAN, S. E.	N. C.	Educator	N	1957
FOSTER, Luther H.	Alabama	Educator	N	1955
GASTON, A. G.	Alabama	Businessman	N	1958
GOLDEN, Harry L	N. C.	Writer	C	1955
GOMILLION, C. G.	Alabama	Educator	N	1952
GRAY, Arthur	Alabama	Educator	N	1958
GREEN, Paul E.	N. C.	Writer	C	1957
GRIFFIN, John A.	Florida	Educator	C	1945
HAAS, Joseph F.	Georgia	Lawyer	C	1956
HAMILTON, Grace T.	Georgia	Soc. Worker	N	1954
HARRIS, M. LaFayette	Georgia	Clergy	N	1955
HINES, John E.	Texas	Clergy	C	1959
HUNTER, Duncan	Alabama	Clergy	C	1955
JOHNSON, Guy B	N. C.	Educator	C	1951
KEHRER, E. T.	Georgia	Labor	C	1958
KIMBALL, Mrs. Austin	Florida	Women's Organization	C	1957
LOOBY, Z. A.	Tennessee	Lawyer	N	1944-48,1953
MANTINBAND, Charles	Mississippi	Clergy	C	1949
MASON, Vivian Carter	Virginia	Women's Organization	N	1959

September 15, 1961

Mr. James H. Barton
259 Bennett Avenue,
Apt. 3F
New York 40, New York

Dear Mr. Barton:

Many thanks for the copy of your good article in The Financial Times. I read it with great interest.

Please let me know whenever we can be of service to you.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:mbb

Good letter

September 15, 1961

Mr. Marion Wright
Carolina Inn
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Mr. Dunbar asked me to look over the draft of the North Carolina Advisory Committee's report on employment and make any editorial suggestions I felt helpful. The report is well written, and there were no major changes or suggestions that seemed to necessitate a telephone call to you.

There are, however, one or two minor things, which have perhaps already been caught by others reading the manuscript. I found myself confused by the use and labeling of the tables, especially in regard to the references on pages 4 and 5 to Appendix Table I and Table 1. According to the footnote reference at the top of page 5 (and it took some doing to find the footnote), the figures just quoted are to be found in Appendix Table I. Not bothering at the moment to check the table cited, I continued reading on the same page; in the paragraph at the bottom, I again noted a reference to Table 1, which I assumed to be the aforementioned table. Consequently, when I turned the page to page 5a and discovered Appendix Table I, I tried to correlate it to the paragraph at the bottom of page 5, which I had just read. It could not be done! I went on a search for Table 1 and finally found it, following Appendix Table III. Then I discovered on page 11 footnote reference #7, which referred me to my old friend Table 1 again. I am not sure how to get around this confusion, as I am not certain how the tables are to be used in a printed form of the report, but perhaps letters might be utilized, as Table A, instead of a reliance upon Roman and Arabic numerals.

I wasn't too happy about the footnotes, but then I have never quite made up my mind about footnotes anyway: Do people read them? And if so, which would make for more efficient use: the bottom of the page or the end of the manuscript?

Other items in the paper include the use of the word Appendix for tables that are not in the Appendix; will they be put there? Fractions, such as one third, four fifths, etc., when used as nouns, as they are consistently through the paper, are written without the hyphen. The word State is capitalized throughout, and the preferred usage would be to eliminate the capital. Another such preference is seen in the substitution, in more formal writing, of the word although for though. This latter word occurs several times in the paper.

On page 2 in the second paragraph there is mention of "the 87 replies" to which no previous mention has been given; on page 1 in the third paragraph could the words "In reply . . ." be changed to "Among the 87 replies . . ."? This might make both sentences a little clearer.

Again on page 2, in the third paragraph, words in a parenthesis there state "(name of office omitted)"; should this be "(name of officer omitted)"?

I found the report rather encouraging. We have a long way to go, but North Carolina seems to be willing to go!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Herbert T. Boozer
Research Assistant

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cc: Mr. Marion Wright
Top-Knot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

September 15, 1961

Mr. Nat Griswold
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

Congratulations on your success in fund raising this year. I realize the considerable effort and fine cooperation from your membership involved in your success.

I look forward to seeing you September 25th. I hope we have a little time to talk. Now that we are through the school opening rush I am beginning to set up a travel schedule for the fall. Is there a time that would be particularly convenient or useful for me to come to Arkansas during the next three months?

Regards to your burgeoning staff.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

September 15, 1961

Mr. John Charles Mickle
764 Walker Avenue
Memphis 6, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Mickle:

The arrangements you indicate in your letter of September 9 will be quite satisfactory, I think.

Thank you for arranging my lodging. I look forward to seeing you on the 25th.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

September 15, 1961

Mrs. Sue B. Ish
1483 South Parkway East
Memphis 6, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Ish;

As I begin to prepare my material for the various commitments you have arranged for me in Memphis September 25, I would appreciate knowing how long a talk you would like me to make. I am assuming on the basis of your letter of April 10 that I am to give a progress report on where we stand in the field of civil rights and race relations from a national and regional viewpoint.

The most convenient schedule to Memphis would have me arriving at 9:20 A.M., Monday, September 25. You indicated the workshop would probably begin at 10:00 A.M.. Is this too risky a travel schedule? Would it be better from me to come up Sunday night? I am looking forward to this day in Memphis and to meeting with you and members of the Memphis Council on Human Relations. I am somewhat intimidated by the heavy schedule that has been planned for me, but I am sure that I will survive the day. I have been anxious to get a clear picture of the Memphis situation.

Sincerely

Paul M. Rilling
Dir of Field Activities

PR:mm

September 15, 1961

Mr. Oscar Cohen
Anti-Defamation League
B'nai Brith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Oscar:

The outline for your pamphlet on "Race Relations in the United States" is first rate. Of course, with this sort of thing everything depends upon the skill with which the writing is done but you have made an excellent start and whoever penned the outline has shown real insight. The idea of such a pamphlet is a good one. We have long needed a brief statement of the present status of race relations in the United States. To generalize all that you want to say and still keep the material interesting and alive will be hard but I wish you the good success I know you will have. If we can help let me know.

A few small comments. Under I. 1. I would make this very short or else omit. I. 2. seems to me a good beginning. Under III. 11. are you sure you can yet talk about the decline of citizens councils? Under III. 13. won't some of your material for the "unheadlined stories" also be repeated in VI? Under VI. 31. this will have to be done with great care; moreover, what about Negro attitude?

I do not think you should avoid the problem of intermarriage though perhaps the way you have indicated is the best approach.

C. H. Parrish read the outline and jotted down the following comment:

This is a praiseworthy but difficult task. The lack of understanding of race relations in the United States is widespread in the United States. Perhaps the very preparation of a document addressed to foreigners will make clearer to us here at home what the subject is all about.

One small question about the 1900-1954 period suggested. Even for a short, condensed treatment such as this World War I is a highly significant break point.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:mbb

September 15, 1961

Mr. Norman Jimerson
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1223, Comer Building
Brimingham 3, Alabama

Dear Jim:

If you still want me to come to the Tri-Cities on September 26, the best I can do is a train leaving Memphis at 9:30 A.M. on the 26th and arriving in Tuscumbia at 1:40 P.M.. The only alternative would be to ride the bus most of the night, which I would just as soon not do. Let me know if these arrangements are satisfactory.

Your quarterly report for June, July, and August is due. Where is it?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

P.S. Did you notice the write-up of William Engel's speech or interview in the Birmingham papers (Post-Herald) September 12th? This seems to be an important breakthrough in the power structure. Wouldn't it be wonderful if Birmingham could develop a concerned committee of businessmen to operate as they did in Dallas.

September 15, 1961

Mr. Edward A. Driscoll
Georgia Council of Churches
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Ed:

I'll do what I can to help your study document. I have marked November 3 on my calendar.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:mbb

September 15, 1961

Miss Katherine Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Kay:

The only thing is, I don't think anyone here could construct the story of the Nashville Conference. What we really want is for someone there to write the article at least in rough draft, or at the very least, to pull together a file of materials. I think it would be most difficult for anyone here to construct an article with any sense of life. Any chance of you getting a local author?

Many congratulations on your fund raising success. I have worried about you from time to time since my last visit to Tennessee. Onward and upward!

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

September 15, 1961

Mr. Daniel H. Pollitt
National Labor Relations Board
1717 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dan:

I have seen Sally Fields a couple of times and hope to see her again before she leaves. She is a very bright and attractive girl.

We were not able to get reprints of your article. They offerred us copies of The Journal at some exhorbitant price and we reluctantly had to settle for ordering just two copies; but we tried.

I am going to be in Washington this Tuesday for a quick and short stay. I hope that when I next get up we may have a chance to get together. Not only do I want to see you but there are a couple of things I would like to talk over with you.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:mbb

September 15, 1961

Mr. Harry Boyte
237 Cottage Place
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

Long before now I should have written to thank you for your telephone call during the Monroe crisis. Within an hour of your call I did, however, act on a couple of fronts.

I called Sitton who had not been aware of what was happening and he got off that night for Monroe. I also got word to the Department of Justice.

Many thanks too, and again, for making the motel reservations for my family.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:mbb

September 15, 1961

Mr. G. W. Foster, Jr.
The University of Wisconsin
Law School
Madison 6, Wisconsin

Dear Bill:

If you have extras could you send copies of your Florida, Baton Rouge, and Jacksonville reports to the following:

Mr. Ben Muse
Box 312
Manassas, Virginia

Mr. John J. Brewbaker
545 Mayflower Road
Norfolk, Virginia

Also please send any subsequent reports you may put out.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:mbb

September 15, 1961

Mr. James Stokely
405 Clifton Heights
Newport, Tennessee

Dear Jim:

Thank you for your good letter. I am passing your compliments on to others on the staff.

September 30 will be fine.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:mbb

September 15, 1961

Mr. George H. Wooley, President
Indiana University Chapter of NAACP
774 Ballantine Hall
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Mr. Wooley:

Charles McDew is a student at South Carolina State in Orangeburg, South Carolina. He is chairman of the Student Non-violence Coordinating Committee with a mailing address of 197½ Auburn Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia. His home address is 105 Tremont, S.W., Massillon, Ohio.

We got a home address for Marvin E. Robinson from SNCC although they were not sure that it is still correct: it is 720 East 21 Avenue, Gary, Indiana.

I do not know of any other students who may be in the area in October. One possibility is Edward D. King, Jr. who has just resigned as administrative secretary of SNCC in order to enroll at Wilberforce University. I have known Ed pleasantly and you may wish to call on him. I suppose he will be at Wilberforce later this month.

Regarding the possible race relations conference at Earlham you should write to Professor Joe Earl Elmore, Assistant to the President.

Best wishes, and give my regards to Professor Grimshaw.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:mbb

September 18, 1961

Mr. Nat Welch
Business Development
Auburn, Alabama

Dear Nat:

We will try and be happy to meet your request. I would suggest that Paul Anthony, our Executive Assistant, handle the chore you suggest on Tuesday, October 17th. Paul is a first-rate speaker and has been with the Council since early 1956. He is thoroughly familiar with the subject.

It might be well for you to write Paul giving him any additional details of the sort of pitch you see as useful.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

cc: Paul Anthony

September 18, 1961

University of Pittsburg Press
University of Pittsburg
Pittsburg, Pa.

Dear Sirs:

We would like to receive one copy of Morton Grodzins The Metropolitan Area as a Racial Problem; our .50 in payment is enclosed. We read about the study in the News & Views on Human Relations put out by the Commission on Human Relations of Los Angeles County, California.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

September 18, 1961

Mr. John P. Lyons, Editor
News & Views on Human Relations
Commission on Human Relations of Los Angeles County
220 N. Broadway
Los Angeles 12, California

Dear Mr. Lyons:

We are interested in the joint study of each County department's present pattern of employment, to be conducted by the Chief Administrative Officer, the Civil Service Commission and the Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission. When you have completed your report of this study, we would like very much to receive a copy for our research files.

SRC is presently making astudy of employment practices in four southern cities: Atlanta, Chattanooga, Houston, and Miami. A copy of the proposed study is enclosed; we will be glad to send you the published findings if you are interested.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

September 18, 1961

Mr. Ralph Creger
14 Rosemont Drive
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Creger:

Mr. Dabbs has sent me your letter to him asking that we help get your book where it is needed.

We think perhaps you misunderstood Harold Fleming if you're under the impression that he planned to buy several thousand copies of This Is What We Found for the Southern Regional Council to distribute. We don't have funds for this sort of book distribution. I wish we at the Southern Regional Council could help you, but our job is not really book promotion. Of course, I think, and I believe most of us here do too, that you little book is a nice, simple and forthright job which ought to be, and surely has been, edifying to a good many uninformed Southerners; still, there's really nothing that any of us can do for it except like it and speak well of it.

I hope you'll forgive me for not answering your letter and sending a criticism and marketing suggestions on the magazine article you have written. I've had a terribly busy summer, including a new job here and other important, distracting goings-on that kept me busy. I try to write too and have at least two books I haven't had time to finish. I find that what little writing I can do leaves me little time to promote my own work (besides I question the efficacy of a writer taking on the double job of authoring and selling his work). Anyway, you must forgive me that I'm both incompetent and too busy to help you promote This Is What We Found and professionally criticize magazine pieces. I've had very little luck in the magazine field myself.

Again, though, I wish you further success with This Is What We Found.

Sincerely,

ML/jf
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Margaret Long
Director of Information

September 18, 1961

Mrs. Helen Hill Miller
Executive Secretary
Edgar Stern Family Fund
1299 National Press Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Miller:

Philip Hammer's telephone number in Washington is: District 7-9321. The study you requested is enclosed; we will appreciate having it returned to us when you have finished with it.

I talked with Amy Collins, of Hammer & Company in Atlanta, who did most of the compiling and researching of the study. She says it would be virtually impossible, and a tremendous task, to get the names of the companies. All the information accumulated and used has now been distributed in other files. She can, fairly easily, get to you the McBee cards, 1 for each county in the 11 states, but these do not have the firms but rather analyze the type of industry. Only companies with over 25 employees were used in the study, and her information was obtained from the state industrial directories and many other sources. After you talk with Mr. Hammer, you might want to discuss this further with Miss Collins; she really is a sharp and adept researcher.

We don't seem to have anything exactly on this order in our files; we do have some studies on manpower utilization, labor markets and employment trends, economic costs of violence, and a new study called The Changing Middle South, compiled by Dr. Elsie M. Watters of Tulane University, which is a compilation of significant economic indicators for the Middle South states of Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. It contains population, employment, income, and manufacturing statistics.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Enclosure:
Hammer & Company, Post-War Industrial Development in the South.

VIA AIR MAIL
September 19, 1961

Mrs. Sue B. Ish
1483 South Parkway East
Memphis 6, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Ish:

I find that I will be arriving in Memphis at 10:45 P.M. Sunday. In view of the lateness of the hour and because I've learned from past experience that I will need some time that night to "polish" my talk, I believe it would be more convenient for me to simply go to a hotel that night. This would obviate the necessity for anyone to meet me so late at night. I will simply come to the YW at 9:00 A.M. and take advantage of the hospitality that has been arranged for me Monday evening.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

September 19, 1961

American Friends Service Committee
160 North 15th Street
Philadelphia 2, Pa.

Dear Friends:

We note in Focus (September 8, 1961) that you have a new 16-page handbook for communities interested in equal housing opportunities. Also mentioned is Homes and Community, a ten-year experience in housing with the findings of the Commission on Race and Housing. We would like to receive two copies of each of these publications, and prices on quantity orders. Would you please send them to us, and bill us?

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

September 19, 1961

Mr. W. James Easterly
University of Miami
610 Rainbow Drive
Hollywood, Florida

Dear Mr. Easterly:

We are pleased that you found our materials helpful to you in preparing your thesis on the sit-in demonstrations. We hope you will find the two enclosures also helpful for the historical precedents of the movement.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Enclosures:
- L. W. Dunbar, Civil Disobedience, convocation address at Earlham College
- L. W. Dunbar, Reflections on the Latest Reform of the South revision of a paper read at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems

September 19, 1961

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Rap PLantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Here's a copy of our letter to Mr. Ralph Creger in which I tried to suggest to him that neither you, the Council nor I, is in the business of promoting and selling his book.

I hope I have discouraged him, but I guess we'll have to wait and see.

Sincerely,

ML/jf
Enc.

Margaret Long
Director of Information

September 19, 1961

Miss Herschelle Sullivan
Keeneland Hall
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Miss Sullivan:

The delay in answering your request for information about the employment of Negroes in city transit systems has been due in part to the recent turn-over in our Research department, where four out of five of us are "new," and in part to the fact that we have been in the process of bringing our information up to date through a limited survey of some fifteen cities. I hope the information will be of help to you, although late. Incidentally, we are still working on the survey, and as additional information comes to us we will be glad to forward it to you, if you wish.

In Florida, Tampa employs six Negro bus drivers; Miami and Daytona Beach employ none and "some" respectively. Jacksonville has seven.

In Louisiana, New Orleans is currently pressing for the employment of Negroes on busses, and the New Orleans transit company will employ "qualified Negroes when additional transit operators are needed." The news clip from which that statement came also indicated that Tallahassee, Florida employs Negro bus drivers, but we have no verification of this.

In Alabama, Mobile employs two. Little Rock, Arkansas employs none, but there is current pressure toward employment. Richmond, Virginia employs none.

In Georgia, Atlanta employs two, and Savannah employs two. In Tennessee, Memphis has one Negro bus driver.

In cities outside of the "deep South," Tulsa and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, St. Louis and Kansas City, Missouri, and Washington, D. C. all employ Negro bus drivers. Washington, of course, does not release figures by race, but there is little actual discrimination in this field.

I am also enclosing what information we have about library facilities in the South.

Let me apologize again for the delay in sending you this information. I hope when you call on us again that we will be more prompt in reply.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Herbert T. Boozer
Research Assistant

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Enclosures: "The Color Line in Southern Libraries" New South, January, 1954
List of Libraries Desegregated since 1954

September 19, 1961

Dr. Frank Graham
United Nations
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Graham:

We are returning your Commemoration copy, with excerpts which Les extracted so we can put you in our Centenial symposium, which we are quite proud to do. Is this selected bit of Graham acceptable to you?

Leslie also asked me to write you my opinion and what criticism I have of your Centennial piece, as you plan some fixing and re-writing before sending it to a magazine.

My only complaint would be that it is too big, too detailed and full for the impact it should carry; it is at times too much for the reader to take in, both in content and expression. Maybe you know and understand too much, Dr. Graham!

Anyway, it seems to me the piece could be leaned out and strengthened by some cuts and ommissions. The part on NOSTALGIC GLORY could, for instance, be trimmed so that each phase of Southern nostalgia would come through more sharply and effectively. In your discussion of slavery from its human cruelty to constitutional sanction and moral revolt against it, there seems to me again, rather too much detail which might be reduced in favor of a briefer and stronger summary of the tragic history, with some specific human images here and there, instead of, say, as on Page Five, a generalized listing of "slaves and their broken families," merchants, owners, overseers and poorer whites, etc.

I think your chronicaling of evolving Southern attitudes, and explanations of our recalcitrance is very important and interesting and that this, too, could be made more vivid with more emphasis and less detail. Your account of economic deprivation in the South, the liberating and stimulating effect of the wars, in fact, everything you include is certainly valid and authoritative; but I feel that throughout many facts, factors and elaborations can be condensed or cut by selection for a faster and more emphatic article.

This abundance of knowledge, or awareness of every aspect of forces shaping the South in the last century, may also account for what seems to me occasional faults of style. Your last paragraph, for instance, certainly and exalted and thrilling view of the Centennial, still loses some of its force in a too-long listing of human benefits which might best celebrate the Centennial, so that when we come to the quite handsome "all the Earth as the God-given family of man," this phrase is not so moving as it should be.

I hope my criticisms are not presumptuous or incompatible and may be helpful in suggesting some cuts and stresses you may have considered yourself.

Anyway, I was delighted to have a chance to read your Commemoration, and wish you publications that will spread your good word.

Sincerely,

ML/jf
Enclosures 2

Margaret Long
Director of Information

September 20, 1961

Dr. C. G. Gomillion
College of Arts and Sciences
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Dr. Gomillion:

How good of you to write me about my piece in *New South*, and how nice to have your approval.

Thanks also for your good wishes to me as *New South* Editor. I'm looking forward to meeting you at our annual meeting.

Sincerely,

ML/jf

Margaret Long
Director of Information

September 20, 1961

Dr. George Gullette
Department of Arts and Sciences
North Carolina State College
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Gullette:

Thanks so much for your condensation of your Charlotte Observer piece. I thought, however, you didn't quite do yourself justice; so I added some more from your original copy. I was especially anxious to use your reflections on being a Southern Yankee, and your closing hopes for a three-minority South.

We're calling this a condensation, so I have presumed to take out your ellipses and let the shortened sentences read together. I also cut some of the beginning and ending portion of your piece to make it fit. I do hope this editing causes you no pain; I don't suppose it will since you seem to have no trouble cutting yourself even more than I would have.

We're using your very interesting piece as our lead story in the September issue, coming out late this month. We'll send you a copy, and hope you'll like it because we certainly do.

Gratefully,

ML/jf

Margaret Long
Director of Information

September 20, 1961

Mr. J. Harvey Kerns
Executive Director
Urban League of Greater New Orleans
504 Carondelet Street
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Kerns:

I appreciate your helpful letter of September 1. We have had requests here for information relating to officially appointed human relations commissions from both Mrs. Betty Wisdom amd Dr. Leonard Burns, and sent them what we had. I frankly believe that such a commission is of value only if it is truly representative and given the opportunity to function practically. A commission appointed for the wrong reasons or consisting of the wrong people can be actually a negative factor because it can stand in the way of more meaningful communication. In other words, I have some doubt as to Mayor Schiro's sincerity and willingness to appoint a useful group.

Needless to say, if such a group is to be appointed, any information or suggestions that can be conveyed to the Mayor might be of some use.

I will be coming to New Orleans sometime in October and would welcome the opportunity to consult with the Urban League liaison group and other individuals or groups that you might suggest. I will let you know as my plans develop.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

September 20, 1961

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Director
Penn Community Services, Inc.
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

I have the announcement of your October meeting. I note that as usual you scheduled a meeting of the program advisory group which I presume, as usual, will not meet. At any rate, as usual, I will not be on hand, being committed to Mississippi on that date. You will please note, however, that I am sending my regrets. I expect to have this noted in the minutes, although it was not noted in the minutes of the April 8 meeting, even though I did send my regrets on that occasion.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

September 20, 1961

Mr. Heslip Lee
Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
3-B Broad-Grace Arcade Building
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Happy:

I have been invited to speak on the forum series of the Norfolk Division of Virginia State College Sunday evening, February 11. Please advise whether you see any reason why I should or should not accept. It would seem to me that it would be useful to tie in such a trip either with a consultation with you or attendance at a state board meeting, etc. I could tell Dr. Brown that I would prefer a definite date that would tie in better with your schedule. What do you think?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

September 20, 1961

Mr. Arthur B. Caldwell
Division of Civil Rights
Room 1609
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

We're delighted that you like our map, and will be very glad to send you a copy you can frame. We're proud of our map to adorn your walls, and will send it with our compliments, and save you a nickel.

Sincerely,

ML/jf
Enclosure

Margaret Long
Director of Information

September 20, 1961

Mr. Samuel F. Yette
Director of Information
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Yette:

I hope you'll forgive me for keeping your manuscript so long but we've huffed and puffed over it, being so interested in it, and finally decided against it as it is. I'm sorry too, to have messed it up with my editing suggestions.

I think your idea of white anxiety over Negro domination at Tuskegee is very interesting and something we'd like to go into. It seems to me though, you might have developed it a little more emphatically and committed yourself on the prospects of Negro domination and participation instead of posing the question.

Leslie felt that your description of T.C.A. as a "study group" with a pedestrian pace pace was a rather dim view of a very effective organization, and thus enlightened, I agree with him. After all, the T.C.A. boycott and withdrawal from the town has been, maybe, one of the most effective, single examples of Negro group action and has just about dried up Tuskegee, hasn't it? The T.C.A. gerrymander case with it's favorable decision from the Supreme Court was certainly an historical and effective piece of Negro action. I realize that you, yourself, do not say T.C.A. is ineffective and slow compared to direct-action groups, but that you present this viewpoint as a complaint from other people.

Still,the whole effect and sense of your article seems to us to deprecate, or at least, not to recognize T.C.A.'s sometimes dramatic progress.

We would like very much if you want to rewrite this story, to see a history of T.C.A. with more emphasis on what seems to us to be some very big accomplishments for Negro rights and opportunities.

Do let me know what you think about our view of yoursstory and, again, forgive me for keeping it so long.

Sincerely,

Margaret Long
Director of Information

ML/jf

September 20, 1961

Miss Margaret Tammen
Assistant Director for Research
Department of Town and Country Church
 and Indian Work
Board of National Missions
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Miss Tammen:

Enclosed are three copies of our map showing the distribution of non-white population in 1960. Additional copies are available at .05 per copy.

The only other map which we have is one prepared about 10 years ago showing population distribution in 1950. A copy of this is enclosed, (in the back of the booklet "Answers for Action.") Since this is one of the two remaining copies in our files, would you please return it to us when possible.

Your inquiry has been turned over to our research department and they will send you some other materials, which may be helpful.

Best wishes on your important concern. Please call on us at any time that we might be of help.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA:nm
Enclosures

September 20, 1961

Dr. Hunter Blakely
Board of Christian Education
Eight North Sixth Street
Richmond 9, Virginia

Dear Dr. Blakely:

The Southern Regional Council endeavors to keep an up-to-date list of previously all-white schools of higher education in the South which have either desegregated or announced a policy of desegregation. We are presently revising our list, and we would appreciate your assistance in correctly listing the Presbyterian colleges and seminaries which fall into this category.

It has been widely reported in the secular press that Davidson College has desegregated. My understanding of the situation there is that the college has not desegregated and, as far as the southern Negro is concerned, has no policy of desegregation. We would appreciate clarification of this situation.

I am aware that Oklahoma Presbyterian College has both Indian and Anglo-Americans; does the school also have a policy in regard to the admission of Negroes, should any qualified apply? Southeastern State is desegregated, I know.

Thank you for any help you can give us in this regard.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Herbert T. Boozer
Research Assistant

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September 20, 1961

Mr. Harry Jones
Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 E. Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

Thank you for your recent Quarterly Report. We were interested to hear that the conference with the governor came off and that his response was receptive. North Carolina seems to be moving ahead nicely with the desegregation of Indians, at any rate.

Give us your evaluation of Mayor Brookshire's appointed committee on human relations. I don't believe we have any data on the size and nature of the group. The Mayor's speechmaking activity in the area of race relations is certainly encouraging.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

September 20, 1961

Miss Katherine Jones
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2011 Grand Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Kay;

Thank you for your quarterly report and again congratulations on your near miracle in meeting the higher matching total this year. I was particularly interested in the further information on the creation of a new organization in Jackson. Surely the lunch counters are open by now. Give us any information you have on the potential of the biracial commission in Athens. We are trying to keep up to date on such groups.

On future financial statements, please show bills outstanding, if any, so that we may have a clear picture of your financial situation.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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~~Enc.: Check~~ No
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September 21, 1961

The Rev. John Mulroy, S.T.L.
Director of Catholic Information Service
2699 Peachtree Street, N. E.
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Dear Father Mulroy:

While you were away, I certainly needed you, but I am glad that you are back at home and hope you will find time to discuss the program of the Fellowship of the Concerned with me.

I feel sure you have it on your calendar that we are expecting you to take part in the Facade of Brotherhood on November 6th, at 11:00 A. M., Kresge Hall, Clark College. This time you will have a much larger audience than you had at the YWCA.

There will be representatives of the three faiths from the Southeastern states, and I feel that you are going to render us a wonderful service.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:nm

September 21, 1961

Mr. William K. Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
4241 S. W. 109th Court
Miami 55, Florida

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your quarterly report and financial report on matching funds. The way we figure it, you can claim $1,602.03 of a possible $2,000.00 on your matching funds. What we did was to give you credit for two-thirds of your outstanding pledges, which is a rule-of-thumb we just made up. This gives you $5,031.43 raised and $270.60 credit for pledges outstanding, for a total of $1,602.03, a check for which is enclosed. While we are naturally sorry that the Florida Council was not able to claim the full matching amount, I feel that this total represents a fine recovery from the very discouraging picture last June. Please show bills outstanding on future financial statements, so that we can get a better picture on how you stand. Your regular quarterly check will be mailed October 1.

Your advance preparations in Daytona Beach sound thorough and helpful and were apparently effective. The Fort Lauderdale thing evidently caught us all by surprise, and just proves that unless we watch out some of these darn Southern communities will desegregate without us. The idea of special intergroup education for teachers involved in the desegregation process has always interested me as a sound idea, but has rarely been implemented. I hope that you are able to get such a program underway in Miami and Daytona Beach. We were very pleased with the results of the Miami employment effort, although I speak from second-hand information, not having yet had the opportunity to revidw the data.

Let me know if there is any way in which we ought to be helping by way of program resources and let me know soon if any visitation by me seems indicated between now and Christmas.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

September 21, 1961

Mr. A. R. Mead
1719 N.W. Sixth Avenue
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Mr. Mead:

Since Mr. Fleming is no longer with the Council your letter of the 18th has been called to my attention. We are very sorry about this second mix-up on your subscription. And, quite the contrary to bothering us with detail, we appreciate your patience in again calling this to our attention.

Our "New South" records on your subscription were in order but for some reason our mailing stencil was not. This has been corrected and I trust you will have no further difficulty. In the meantime we are sending you the issues you have missed.

Again, thank you for calling this to our attention. We are grateful for your interest and support over the years.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA:mbb

September 21, 1961

Mrs. Jane Lee J. Eddy
Executive,Secretary
Taconic Foundation, Inc
666 Fifth Avenue
New York 19, New York

Dear Mrs. Eddy:

You will undoubtedly see Les before this reaches you. However, in reference to your letter of the 14th, we know of no specific plans for the Holloway article from the July-August issue of "New South". A Swedish student,who has been here for the summer,is translating it and it is likely it will appear in one or more papers in that country as it is the kind of thing they would like to have.

Under separate cover we are sending you the six copies of "New South" you requested. Please let us know if you have need of more.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA:mbb

September 21, 1961

Mr. Daniel A. Bowers
First Christian Church
Portsmouth, Virginia

Dear Mr. Bowers:

Paul Rilling passed to me your article, "Tragedy in Prince Edward County,""which seems to me a quite able and factually comprehensive piece. However, we have pretty well covered the facts in the Prince Edward school closing, so your article wouldn't quite do for New South.

What we would like to see is an elaboration of your brief manuscript to show the effect of this depravation on children, families, business and other persons and institutions of the community. It seems to me that this story could be fresh and vividly told with vignettes of individual children--say, Negroes with no schooling at all, white children in unsatisfactory private schools , and families suffering from the general depravation. Paul tells me you are well on top of the whole situation and could readily get some lively and candid quotes and human stories to show what it is really like now in Prince Edward.

The plight of the teachers also sounds very difficult and I should think this might be written with the testimony and experiences of several, hard pressed teachers.

I don't know if you will like my suggestions, but I hope so. I'm returning your manuscript which seems to me a very good outline of a more detailed and human sort of article I've described. Such a story would include most of what you've written with these elaborations.

Sincerely,

ML/jf

Margaret Long
Director of Information

September 21, 1961

Mr. Norman Jamerson
Executive Director
The Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1224, Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Norman:

On September 12 Mr. Roger W. Hanson wrote us requesting consideration of a grant of $200.00 to the Alabama Council to enable the Reverend Herbert Oliver to attend the eighth annual UNESCO Conference in Boston, October 22-26. The request has been approved and I am happy to enclose our check for $200.00 for that purpose.

It is our understanding that Mr. Oliver will, either on his way to or from Boston, make arrangements to confer in Washington with Mr. Burke Marshall and others in the Department of Justice. We believe that the combination of these two purposes justifies this expenditure.

At your convenience please acknowledge receipt of this grant and confirm the willingness of the Alabama Council and Mr. Oliver to see that it is spent in keeping with the above indicated purposes.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA:mbb
cc: Dr. Roger W. Hanson
Rev. Herbert Oliver
Mr. Burke Marshall

Enc.

September 21, 1961

Mr. Irving E. Carlyle
Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge & Rice
Wachovia Bank Building
Winston-Salem, 1, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Carlyle:

Mr. Dunbar is out of town and, in the interest of time, I am responsing to your letter of September 14th.

You are quite right about the population map; while the figure on the percentage of Negro population in Yadkin County is right, the color is wrong. If we reprint the map this will be corrected. Meanwhile the correction will be noted on the maps circulated. Thank you for calling this to our attention.

We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting on November 8th.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA:mbb

September 21, 1961

Mr. Nat Welch
Business Development
Auburn, Alabama

Dear Nat:

Thanks for your letter of the 19th. As you suggest, I shall plan to meet you at your office at 5 P.M. on October 17th. Incidentally, what is the address?

Regrettably, we don't have a promotional pamphlet that would be appropriate for your mailing, however, I will bring along a collection of materials for those who may want them.

I'm looking forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PAMmbb

September 21, 1961

Mr. Raymond M. Bost
The Lutheran Seminary
Columbia 3, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Bost:

Since Mr. Dunbar is out of the office this week I am responding to your letter of the 15th.

Under separate cover we are sending you thirty copies of the July-August issue of "New South". We thought it best to send them while they are available to make certain you have them. In light of your purpose, there is no charge.

In the matter of having Mr. Dabbs or Mr. Dunbar as a speaker at your course "Christian Social Teachings", it occurs to me that since Mr. Dabbs is a near neighbor (Rip Raps Plantation, Mayesville, S.C.) and frequently gets to Columbia that it might be fairly easy for you to make arrangements with him. Or you might do this through Mrs. Alice Spearman, South Carolina Council on Human Relations, 1330 Laurel Street, Columbia, S. C. I think Mr. Dabbs would be a particularly appropriate speaker. You may, in contacting him, say that we will be happy to take care of the travel costs involved.

Please call on us at any time we may be of help.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA:mbb

September 21, 1961

Mr. Herbert M. Davidson, Editor
Daytona Beach Evening News
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Davidson:

Please excuse the long delay in answering your letter concerning the Annual Meeting. We, too, are very sorry that you find it impossible to attend. I recall that the presidential election prevented your attending last year and was hopeful that you could be present this year. Certainly, however,this does not have a bearing on your continued membership. (In fact, since you are in the class of 1964, the matter of your election does not even come up until that year.)

Your suggestion for membership will be passed on to the Nominating Committee when they meet later this month.

We have followed the encouraging developments of Daytona with much interest - and a keen awareness of the role of the News-Journal.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

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September 21, 1961

Mr. Peter M. Sussman
Deputy Assistant Staff Director
Commission on Civil Rights
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sussman:

Thank you very much for the State Advisory Committee Reports and the New Orleans report. We received three copies of each, except in the case of South Carolina where there were two.

Since we make good use of three full sets of the reports may we have another for South Carolina?

Congratulations on the continuing work of the Commission.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA:mbb

September 21, 1961

Dr. Frank Graham
United Nations
New York City

Dear Dr. Graham:

It is indeed wonderful for us to think of your being with us on October 25th, at Haygood Memorial Methodist Church. It is an evening meeting with dinner, at 6:15, followed by your address.

What I need right now is about three copies of your bibliography and two glossy print pictures.

It is going to be more meaningful to us to have you now since you will be able to give us first hand account of what has happened since the death of Dag Hammerskjold.

You will certainly receive a most hearty welcome from Atlanta. Please let us know if you desire hotel reservations.

Best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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cc: Chapel Hill, N. C.

September 22, 1961

Mrs. Horace W. Williams
1903 Lombardy Avenue
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Williams:

I have received both of your letters and have been trying to locate a copy of "God Versus Segregation" for you.

You are correct, it was in the program of the Fellowship of the Concerned, in 1955. However, the stencil has been destroyed and as yet we have not made new copy. As soon as we can get a stencil made on this article, we will be happy to send you copies.

Please accept my apology for not writing you before now, but as you know Mr. Tilly passed on August 19th, and that has delayed me in many things.

My best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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September 22, 1961

Mrs. Helen Anderson
5000 14th Avenue, North
St. Petersburg 10, Florida

Dear Mrs. Anderson:

Please forgive my delay in answering your letter, but as you know Mr. Tilly passed August 19th, and has caused me to be delayed in many things.

The early part of March for the meeting is fine with me, since it does not conflict with any of my plans.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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September 22, 1961

Rabbi Jacob Rothschild
The Temple
1489 Peachtree Street, N. E.
Atlanta 9, Georgia

Dear Rabbi Rothschild:

The fall has come and the Workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned looms high on my horizon.

This is to remind you that we are expecting you again to have a part in a "Facade of Brotherhood" at our opening session, which is to be held in Kresge Hall, Clark College on November 6th, at 11:00 A. M.

I am deeply appreciative for the help that you have given me.

As you have been with us before you know something of the size of the group, and the states that will be represented by women of the three faiths.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:nm

September 22, 1961

Mr. Eugene Patterson
Editor
Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Patterson:

November 6th is not too far off for me to be concerned about the group of the Fellowship of the Concerned.

We are looking forward to your being the questioner in the "Facade Brotherhood", in which you will question Dr. Kirkpatrick, Rabbi Rothschild and The Reverend Mulroy.

I will let you know, as soon as we get the Committee together again, the range in which these questions will be.

I am very greatful for your acceptance in doing this for us.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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September 22, 1961

Dr. Dow Kirkpatrick
St. Mark Methodist Church
781 Peachtree Street, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Kirkpatrick:

The fall has come and I am thinking considerably about the Workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned.

This is to remind you that we are expecting you to take part in the "Facade of Brotherhood", which is to be held at Clark College, Kresge Hall, on November 6th at 11:00 A. M., and we are asking you to stay for lunch. And, in the afternoon talk to us about "One World," our theme is, "The Kingdom Without Frontiers--One God, One World, One People."

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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September 22, 1961

Mrs. Susie Holley
429 N. W. 16th Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Dear Mrs. Holley:

On July 28th we sent you the enclosed letter, and we are disturbed that we have not heard from you.

We would appreciate it very much if you would send us an immediate reply.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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Enclosure

September 22, 1961

Mrs. Walter Paschall
Georgia Council on Human Relations
41 Exchange Place, S.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Paschall:

In answer to your request for information about hospital desegregation, we sent out sixteen questionnaires. Only six of these have been returned. I have prepared a summary of their answers and I am enclosing that, along with other materials relating to hospital desegregation.

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I have received the names of several other hospitals which are believed to be desegregated, and as soon as I have more information I will send it to you.

Sincerely yours,

Jane M. Bond
Research Assistant

Enclosures:

- copy of letter to hospitals
- questionnaire
- list of hospitals
- list of desegregated hospitals in North Carolina, Florida, and South Carolina
- summary of answers to questionnaire

September 22, 1961

The Reverend W. J. McPeak
219 West 132 Street
New York 29, New York

Dear Mr. McPeak:

Since Mr. Dunbar is out of the city for an extended period of time he asked me to check on your request for information and respond to your recent letter.

We are preparing a report on those cities in the South where we are certain that lunch counter facilities have been opened to all customers. We will be happy to send you a copy when completed if you would like to have it.

While we do not keep records as to the policies of specific chains it can be said that generally each of the national chains follow the policy of acting together, or not at all. We do not take exception to this since it is a very understandable course of action and quite possibly a wise one, however, it has been our experience that many businesses and industries controlled outside the region are overly cautious in determing the degree of change, if any, that specific Southern communities are prepared to accept.

In this regard also, frequently the policy of "conforming to the practices of the community in which we do business" lends strength to the status quo rather than serving as the "neutralist" position which it first appears to be.

Further, the rather obvious but frequently violated fact that change brought about quietly allows for a great deal of progress that is not possible after issues become a matter of public argument. From the point of desirable social change and that of good business, many community tensions and business losses could have been avoided if the merchants concerned had quietly served all customers rather than allowing the matter to become one of public display and argument. It is somewhat pathetic - and ironic - to see a community follow the proper and logical course of action only after subjecting itself to tensions, bitterness, loss of business, and the like.

While remarkable progress has been made during the past year this yet remains a problem, and will inevitably yet become an issue, in a majority of Southern towns and cities. Certainly this has an obvious implication of a continuing problem for the variety store chains.

It might also provide an excellent opportunity for joint, constructive action on the part of the national chains; choosing together communities, situations, and timing that would allow considered judgement ahead of time under the most desirable of community and business climates.

Should this idea have any degree of acceptance among the chains, there is within our organization, and others, a number of calm and rational persons who would be available to assist.

I hope this is of some slight value to you. Please call on us at any time that we might possibly be of help.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA:mbb

September 22, 1961

Miss Helen B. Shaffer
Editorial Research Reports
Congressional Quarterly Service
1156 Nineteenth Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Shaffer:

Enclosed is the requested copy of "Racial Violence and Law Enforcement"; also a copy of the recent article by Ralph McGill on the role, the policies, and use of this study.

We are sharing your letter with George McMillan.

Please call on us at any time that we might be of help.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA:mbb
cc: George McMillan

September 22, 1961

Carl W. Sinclair
Area Agent in
Rural Development
College of Agriculture
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Sinclair:

We no longer have available the April, 1951 edition of New South. I am enclosing our current publications list, and I hope some of these pamphlets will answer your need.

Yours truly,

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Enc.

Janet Feagans
Secretary to the
Director of Information

September 25, 1961

Mr. Elijah Mason
2514 W. Van Buren
Chicago 12, Illinois

Dear Mr. Mason:

We are mailing you today, under separate cover, two of our publications. One is on school desegregation, and the other is on "The Case for Integration," and answers the sorts of questions you often hear or read on school or any other integration.

I would suggest that you write to Southern School News, 1109 19th Avenue South, Nashville, Tenn., and request a copy of their August and September issues This will give you an up-to-date account of desegregation of schools in the South, and is the latest and best printed material we know about.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
School Desegregation: the first six years
Thompson, The Case for Integration

September 25, 1961

Mrs. E. M. Bottingheimer
1425 Eastern Parkway
Louisville, 4, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Bottingheimer:

I have your correspondence of September 20th in which you stated that you did not receive my previous communication.

On/about July 1st, a copy of the enclosed letter was forwarded to you informing you of the Workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned.

Your name was sent in to us by Bee Wild, Secretary of B'nai B'rith, here in Atlanta.

If further explanation is necessary please let us know. We are indeed looking forward to seeing you at this Workshop.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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Enclosures

September 25, 1961

Mrs. F. M. Blakely
Secretary to
Rev. H. R. Pinkney
2508 Shreeve Lane
Nashville 7, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Blakely:

I am terribly sorry if I have mis-led you in any way. The letter to which you are referring, dated September 15th, was intended for Mrs. Herbert Pinkney.

Please see that Mrs. Pinkney receives the letter, and ask her to send us her reply at her earliest convenienve.

I appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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September 25, 1961

Mrs. Fran Early, and/or
Mrs. Nancy Campbell
Research Department
Chamber of Commerce
Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Mrs. Early and Mrs. Campbell:

In the September 22nd issue of the Chattanooga Times, I noticed and account of a survey (or compilation of material) by you for the purpose of answering inquiries regarding health needs and services in Chattanooga. We would like very much to receive a copy of this report, and will appreciate it very much if you will send us a copy. If there is a charge, please bill us.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

September 25, 1961

Mr. Robert S. Rendell
2 Blair
Princeton University
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Rendell:

We are pleased to send you the requested March issue of New South, which contains the story on New Orleans that you mentioned. Please note a correction in the May issue. We are also pleased to add your name to our list of subscribers, and you will receive a notice soon. I am enclosing a copy of the July-August issue.

Since you are interested in writing a thesis on the problems of school desegregation in New Orleans, may I suggest that you write to Peter M. Susman, Deputy Assistant Staff Director, Commission on Civil Rights, Washington 25, D. C. and request a copy of the pamphlet on New Orleans which was printed from information obtained by the Louisiana Advisory Committee to the Commission on Civil Rights.

If we can help you further, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Enclosures:
New South, March, 1961
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July-August, 1961

September 25, 1961

Mr. James J. Callahan, Jr.
Executive Director
Community Welfare Council of Schenectady County, Inc.
6 Union Street
Schenectady 5, New York

Dear Jim:

I am embarrassed not to have written the introduction to the Chronic Illness Study before now. My first three weeks with the Council were so chock full of things to be done, and the impending trip to Europe forced me to push all other things aside. I am working on the introduction now, and you can be sure that I will put it in the mail to you by the end of this week.

I again want to apologize for the delay, and do give my best wishes and greetings to the staff.

Cordially,

James A. Moss
Director of Research

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AIRMAIL

September 25, 1961
(Dictated September 20)

Dr. Leonard Burns
1813 Rocheblave Street
New Orleans, La.

Dear Leonard:

I'm enclosing some material on interracial commissions and committees. Let me emphasize, as we discussed over the phone, that I believe that a poor interracial committee is worse than none, and that unless Schiro appoints a truly representative group, it would be better perhaps to kill the idea.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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September 25, 1961

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Mrs. George Dumbauld
Houston Council on Human Relations
3605 Fannin Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Dumbauld:

The schedule of your Saturday discussions this fall is excellent. I hope you have been able to line up the kind of resources you need. Let us know if you need any last minute assistance in securing speakers. I trust and hope not.

In planning my fall travel schedule, I would like to arrange a trip to Houston at sometime during October or November at a time of least trouble to the Houston Council. What would you suggest?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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September 25, 1961
(Dictated September 20)

Mr. Ted Lippman
Washington Bureau
Atlanta Constitution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ted:

I called the Constitution yesterday to congratulate you on your new assignment only to learn that it had already been implemented. So anyway, congratulations! I think the Constitution made an excellent choice and you will enjoy living in Washington and covering the Capitol beat. Since I never saw you in Atlanta, let's get together on my next trip to Washington.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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September 25, 1961
(Dictated September 20)

Mrs. Eliza Paschall
Greater Atlanta Council on Human Relations
41 Exchange Place, S. E., Room 309
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Eliza:

Mrs. Dorothy S. Bauman, Executive Director of the National Council for the Panel of Americans, has written asking if we would cooperate in exploring the possibilities of a Panel of Americans program here in Atlanta. I had some contact with this program in Virginia and helped them form an intercollege panel drawn from colleges in the Lynchburg area. Their normal pattern is to use students of different ethnic backgrounds from a single college and secure official college sponsorship. I informed them in Virginia and since I have been here that in the South it will probably be more practical to draw students from various colleges in the community, white and Negro, and have the group sponsored by campus religious groups, et cetera.

If you are not familiar with the program, I think their material, which we are forwarding under separate cover, will be self-explanatory.

It had been my thought to convene representatives of the Atlanta colleges to explore the idea until it occurred to me that this would violate my edict against programming in a local area without clearing through your office. Would the Atlanta Council be interested in exploring the idea?

If you need any additional information or if there is any way I can help, let me know. In addition to my own connection with the program, Dr. Eric Lincoln of Clark College had responsibility for administering a program at DePaul University some years ago.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

cc: Mrs. Frances Pauley

September 25, 1961
(Dictated September 20)

Mrs. A. Feldman
1424 So. Alameda
Baton Rouge 15, La.

Dear Mrs. Feldman:

Mr. Dabbs has asked that I reply to your letter to him of September 11th. I have represented the Council on several occasions in New Orleans and have met several members of OPEN at an SOS board meeting on one occasion last year. I was quite impressed with the lobbying job that the OPEN group did during the tumultuous 1960-61 year.

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I'm afraid I have little to offer in the way of ideas for Baton Rouge. The following axioms seem to be almost universal: (1) It is impossible to stir any considerable community concern or activity connected with the school issue until the issue is immediately imminent. (2) Top level business and white leadership will take no part in such preparation until the very eleventh hour. (3) The kind of across the board community effort represented by OASIS here in Atlanta is possible only late in the game and when there is fairly united support from political and civic leaders.

It can also be said fairly safely that desegregation is carried out peacefully and with dignity in those communities where: (1) the police department is well prepared and takes a firm approach and so indicates in advance; (2) leadership is united in its desire to avoid disruption and will appeal for calmness publicly; (3) the mass media makes some effort to prepare public opinion.

Trouble and disruption has occurred when police protection was inadequate or vacillating, as in New Orleans last

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year; where leadership is divided or vacillating, as in Little Rock; or where the newspaper takes an extremist position and fans the potential for violence, as in Birmingham, Alabama.

I suspect that you will find that about all you can do in Baton Rouge is to hold together a group of concerned people that can serve as a nucleus for community efforts when the showdown occurs. This is an important, if limited, task and one well worthwhile. (This is all HOPE in Atlanta was able to do during the 1959-60 school year after the Court postponed desegregation in Atlanta. A Committee for Public Schools organized in Norfolk was unable to gain any widespread response until schools closed there. The Committee then mushroomed overnight into a large and significant organization.) The fact that you cannot reach "outside a certain circle" probably means that you have reached those responsive to this concern at this time and that you will not be able to reach much further until circumstances change, as they will when the Court sets a certain date for desegregation, as they will in Baton Rouge.

I hope that in the next couple of months I will be able to visit Baton Rouge and gain a clear picture of your situation.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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September 26, 1961

Mr. Frank Toland
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee, Alabama

Dear Mr. Toland;

Nat Welch has asked us to provide a speaker from our staff for a meeting of the East Alabama Chapter of ACHR in October. He suggests several dates, "preferably Oct. 16, 17, 18, or 19" and asks that we clear the date with you. Paul Anthony, our Executive Assistant, will be available to fill this engagement most easily on Tuesday, October 17. Does this date meet with your approval?

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Services

September 26, 1961

Mr. Norman Jimerson
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1224, Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Mr. Jimerson:

During the past summer several state councils have assisted Reed Sarratt, Executive Director of the Southern Education Reporting Service, through a cooperative effort to promote *Southern School News*. SERS provided each state council with copies of an issue of *Southern School News* sufficient for all persons on the state mailing list. SERS provided mailing envelopes, subscription card, postage-paid return envelope, and took care of the postage for the mailing. The state council carried through the actual mailing, enclosing a covering letter from the director urging subscriptions on the part of his or her membership.

Thus far, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, and Florida Councils have cooperated in the promotional effort, and Mr. Sarratt would appreciate it very much if the remaining state councils would be willing to undertake a similar project. Would the ACHR be interested in mailing copies of a future issue - probably October - to its membership? (Paul Rilling, incidentally, has indicated that he thinks *Southern School News* deserves our help in efforts to expand circulation, and that our members would benefit from receiving the paper. It has been an invaluable source of facts on the school matter, and we have always had a good cooperative relationship with the Southern Education Reporting Service.)

I would appreciate your letting me know if you will be able to assist SERS in their effort, and, if so, the number of copies of the newspaper you will need. I will then make arrangements for Mr. Sarratt to overprint a future issue, and I will forward you a sample covering letter, which you may want to enclose with your mailing.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Services

September 26, 1961

Mrs. Eliza Paschall
Greater Atlanta Council on Human Relations
41 Exchange Place, S.E., Room 309
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Eliza:

Concerning our recent conversation on your suggestion of a regional conference here, my suggestion is that we formally push the meeting after the organization of a NAIRO chapter which is pending here and that we pool these ideas together into the proposed NAIRO conference here next spring. Members of the arranging committee would be Atlanta human relations professionals operating under the NAIRO banner.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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September 27, 1961

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Mrs. John David Zimmerman
1570 Dantzler Drive, N.E.
Apartment 9
Atlanta 6, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Zimmerman:

Mr. Dunbar has asked me to reply to your letter of the 26th. Mr. Kirkpatrick has contacted us and we have given the matter some thought. Regrettably, our needs at the moment are not such that we can offer any specific arrangement.

However, may I suggest that you give me a call at your convenience, so that we can arrange a time when you and Mr. Zimmerman can come by when Mr. Dunbar is in the city. Perhaps at that time we can explore the possibilities of future employment with the Council and offer some suggestions on other agencies in the area with needs and interests similar to our own.

We look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA:mbb
cc: Dow Kirkpatrick

September 27, 1961

Mr. Eric F. Craven
Cornell Committee Against Segregation
125 Anabel Taylor Hall
Cornell University
Ithaca, New York

Dear Mr. Craven:

We know what a struggle is. You will find enclosed your check for our materials which will be in the mail this week.

If we can be of any further help, please let us know. We would be delighted to come to the aid of your fine organization.

Yours truly,

Janet Feagans
Secretary to the
Director of Information

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Enclosure

September 27, 1961

Mr. Arthur Harvey
Raymond
New Hampshire

Dear Mr. Harvey:

In answer to your letter of September 22, we can state that the "Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committtee is a bona fide organization which is a central body for several local and state student protest organizations.

I am forwarding your letter to Mr. Charles Sherrod, Field Secretary and, also, sending you under separate cover one of their publications.

If we can be of any further help, please let us know.

Yours truly,

Janet Feagans
Secretary to ML
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September 27, 1961

Mr. Heslip Lee
Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
3-B Broad-Grace Arcade Building
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Mr. Lee:

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Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Administrative Secretary
Field Services

VIA AIR MAIL
September 28, 1961

Mr. Andy Rogers
317 International Trade Mart Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Andy:

It will be quite appropriate to process the bill for public relations fees through us. We are assuming that the fees are in connection with agency services in the preparation of educational materials.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

September 28, 1961

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Shipment to Harris Wofford @ 30 Federal Executive-Civil R
Rights

Please send thirty (30) copies of

"Federal Executive and Civil Rights"

to the following address: (label attached)

Mr. Harris Wofford
Assistant to the President
Room 212
Executive Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.
c/o Miss Battle.

Muriel Berger

September 28, 1961

Mr. Harris Wofford
Assistant to the President
Room 212
Executive Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Miss Battle

Dear Miss Battle:

As you requested in your telephone call this morning we are sending you, under separate cover,thirty (30) copies of "Federal Executive and Civil Rights". They are being mailed today.

Sincerely yours,

Muriel Berger, Secretary

Sept. 28, 1961

Dear Mr. Dabbs,

Keith Botterud of United States Information Agency called us today to as for a by-line piece from you on "the impact of Southern action groups on Southern thinking," by which he seems to mean have we changed our minds after beholding student agitations. They want about 1200 words by Oct. 15, if you can. I said we'd be delighted for you to assess this impact on Southern thinking and would ask you to, to speak a liberal Southern piece for foreign readers.

If you can't, will you call Mr. Botterud collect at Dudley 3-2504? I guess if you can, you'd want to write him at USIA, IPS-EW, 1776 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington D.C.

I, for one, would like to read your 1200 words---or any number of your words---on any gladsome changes in our "thinking."

We hope you're enjoying your scholarly labors.

Yours,

Margaret

P. S. We are so joyful today over desegregation of 177 eating places "without incident" as The Press has it, that I write my own letters on the wrong kind of paper, forgetting my nice new office manners.

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September 28, 1961

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Mailing List Change:

Please remove from mailing lists the following name as he is no longer with them.

Larry Moore's
The Field Foundation
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

September 28, 1961

Dr. Riley B. Montgomery, President
The College of the Bible
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Montgomery:

We will have more detailed information on the Annual Meeting shortly. However, it is likely that the meeting will begin with lunch at 12:00 noon on November 8th, with the business session scheduled for 2:00 p.m.

While, of course, we would like to have you with us for all of the meeting, your arrival at any time on the afternoon of the 8th would assure you of being present for the great majority of the meeting. The meeting will end with lunch on the 9th.

It is good to know that you can make the meeting, and we look forward to seeing you.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA:mbb

September 29, 1961

Miss Patricia Keelor
238 E. Main Street
Kent, Ohio

Dear Miss Keelor:

We are pleased to mail you some of our publications which we think may be helpful to you in compiling your 70-minute report on "Integration in America." Of course our material is mainly concerned with the South.

If we can be of further assistance on another occasion, write us again.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
The Freedom Ride
Special Report, The Student Protest Movement: Recapitulation
The Negro and the Ballot
School Desegregation: the first six years
Racial Violence and Law Enforcement
The Church in Areas of Racial Tension
The Case for Integration
This I Believe
New South, July-August, 1961

September 29, 1961

Miss Ethel J. William
Assistant Professor
Community Organization Sequence
Howard University
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Miss Williams:

Enclosed is a listing of the publications currently available from the Council. If you would like to include any of these materials in your kits we will be happy to make a limited number available without cost.

Also enclosed is an issue of our monthly magazine.

Please call on us if any of these materials seem appropriate.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

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September 29, 1961

Mrs. William F. Boudreau
Chairman, Program Committee
104 W. Damascus Road
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Boudreau:

Your letter of September 25 to Mr. Dabbs has been called to my attention. We have heard good reports on your organization and would be happy to be of any possible help.

I have discussed your letter with Paul Rilling, the Council's Director of Field Work. We are of the opinion that the Council could provide, at our expense, a staff member as speaker. This would probably be Mr. Rilling.

Beyond that, and depending on your budget, we can suggest several worthwhile speakers who likely would be available at the cost of travel expanses.

If the idea of an SRC staff member as speaker seems to you to have merit would you suggest a date as far ahead as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA;mbb

September 29, 1961

Mrs. Helen Hill Miller
Executive Secretary
The Edgar Stern Family Fund
1299 National Press Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Helen:

We are enclosing some items which may suit the purpose you described yesterday to Paul Anthony.

I leave the matter entirely in your discretion but I shall be personally glad if you would show this letter to Mr. Duke. If you think that not desirable, will you please make perfectly clear to him that we are not soliciting this assignment? I don't care much ever for labels, and don't wish to get into anyone's debate as to whether we are or are not an "action" agency. We are the kind of organization we are, which is to say that we are concerned with the South, with all its people,with the solution of its racial problems in such a way as to perfect and not to worsen community cohesion, and with acting in ways that seem useful toward the achievement of that end. The Council is composed of its 80 (now 79) members and a staff. I and the rest of the staff have considerable freedom of action, but only insofar as what we do and say retains the confidence of the members. I would fail in my obligation to them if I allowed us to get into the position of being subjected to examination, as to principles or programs, by any outside person or agency. I think the names of our members plus the record of our activities must speak for themselves. You will find the list of the former and some samples of the latter among the enclosures. (When you called yesterday I was in session with our Nominating Committee; you may want to know that it decided to recommend replacing Hunter and Milton on the Executive Committee with Franklin Williams, Vice President of the University of Miami, and Stephen Wright, President of Fisk; both will accept.)

We have not asked for the Knoxville assignment, and I hope both General Vogel and Mr. Duke realize that. If satisfactory arrangements can be worked out, I am prepared once again to put the matter before our Executive Committee. I think it would be, in a way, a reflection by me on the dignity of my Board if I discussed the matter with them again unless there was a clear cut indication that all federal government people concerned were fully respectful of the good sense and good judgment of the Council members and, therefore, of the staff and its programs in which the members have trust.

You will be correct if you interpret this letter as an indication of my weariness with my government's sense of public relations. Best wishes, and have a good European journey.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD:mbb
Enc.

P. S.

I haven't yet any Dallas names. For Atlanta, I would think Mayor Hartsfield and Mrs. Thomas Breeden would be appropriate; she was the chairman of HOPE during its fine career. For New Orleans, I think you should not look farther than Mrs. Stern; also, Jack Nelson, lawyer, prominent locally and nationally as a Catholic layman, leading figure in SOS, and member of the Louisiana Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights; and Dr. J. Harvey Kerns, Executive Director of the New Orleans Urban League.

Orignal and cc to H.H.Miller

September 29, 1961

Dr. Tilman C. Cothran
Chairman
Sociology Department
Atlanta University
Atlanta 14, Georgia

Dear Tilman:

I will be pleased to join with you and the others at the home of Dr. Hubert Ross on Wednesday, October 4th at 8 p. m. Thank you for thinking of me in connection with this informal discussion.

Cordially,

James A. Moss
Director of Research

JAM: a

September 29, 1961

Mr. Heslip Lee
Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
216-C Broad-Grace Arcade
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Happy:

Your suggestions in connection with my trip to Norfolk February 11 are excellent and quite satisfactory. I will be on hand for the Board meeting February 10 and will plan to come to Richmond February 12, if only from curiosity as to what kind of "businessmen's group" you have been able to organize. I assume that your white businessman is Wilson Brown?

Your word concerning the state budget for next year caused great hilarity here. I trust you will have come down to earth by the time I see you next. Your request for $10,000 in matching funds is noted and will, I assume, amuse our Executive Committee.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm
Enc.

Reading File

September 29, 1961

Dr. G. W. C. Brown
Norfolk Division, Virginia State College
2401 Corprew Avenue
Norfolk 4, Virginia

Dear Dr. Brown:

Thank you so much for thinking of me in connection with your 1961-62 Forum series. I would be very pleased to have a part in the series and to be with you on February 11. Since the assignment falls within my normal responsibilities here at the Southern Regional Council, no honorarium will be required. We are assuming that you will be able to handle my travel expenses.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PR:mm

cc: Heslip Lee

September 29, 1961

Miss Renata Gala
Committee of Correspondence, Inc.
345 East 46 Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Miss Gala:

Our foreign sea mail rates are the same for foreign mail as state-side mail, $2.00.p.y. The foreign air mail subscription rates are $4.00 p.y.

Please let us know which rate is agreeable with you, and we will go ahead and start the subscription with the September issue, as you requested.

Yours truly,

jf:s

Janet Feagans
Secretary to the
Director of Information

September 30, 1961

Mr. Kenneth Kramer
Managing Editor
Business Week
330 West 42nd Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Kramer:

Thank you for your letter of September 5 giving us prices on reprints of "New Business Ways in the South" in the August 5 issue.

We would like to order 500 reprints at the quoted price of $40; we understand that delivery will be in about ten days or two weeks. We are enclosing our check for $40.00, and if you will advise us of the postage we will reimburse you later. We would prefer Parcel Post, if the package is not too heavy.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Enclosure: check

September 30, 1961

The Rev. Galen Martin
Executive Director
Commission on Human Rights
168 Capitol Annex
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Martin:

We are pleased to send you five copies of the materials used in our employment study, still underway. Some reports are all in, and are being written up. We hope to publish the first one, Houston, next month. You will note from the questionnaire that the study is not "in depth" but is designed to give us a broad pattern. It was also planned as the kind of survey that could be done by volunteers, working under some direction.

We received today your bulletin on theatre desegregation in Kentucky, and the poster on Human Rights. I have put up the poster over my desk, temporarily, and after everyone has had an opportunity to admire it we shall file it. The news from Kentucky is very encouraging; I do hope we can follow along,and not too far behind,here in Georgia.

I am including with the employment material our latest Special Report, The Student Protest Movement: a Recapitulation. You will be getting one in the regular mailing within a few days, but I know you will be interested in having this early.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Enclosed:
1 copy Employment Study
SRC Special Report on Sit-ins

Mailed separately: four copies Employment Study